GEMSTONE PUBLISHING

APRIL
No. 643
$6.95

WALT DISNEY'S COMICS

WALT DISNEY'S COMICS AND STORIES

Take heart, Disney fans. There are some good stories awaiting you in this issue of Walt Disney's Comics and Stories. Both Van Horns, William and Noel, turn in some top-notch work on their respective characters, Donald and Mickey. Bill has scripted his own story, as usual, and Noel has teamed up once again with writer Don Markstein. In both cases the end result is outstanding. By the way, although I've stated William and Noel's relationship in the past, there still seems to be some confusion among our readership, so I'll elucidate once more for the record: Noel is William's son.

"The Phantom Joker" is another story that was written by Carl Barks in the 1970s and was drawn at that time by one of Western Publishing's staff artists. Daan Jippes, widely recognized as an artist with one of the best "Barkslike" styles, has undertaken a lengthy project to redraw all such stories, utilizing Barks' original page breakdowns, in a manner closer to what the Old Duck Man would have produced himself, had he drawn them. Gladstone Publishing printed a lot of Jippes' early efforts in this project, and now Gemstone is determined to finish the rest, as they become available.

—John Clark

• IN THIS ISSUE •

Donald Duck **AIN'T IT THE TRUTH**
Story, Art & Lettering: William Van Horn
Color: Scott Rockwell

Mickey Mouse **LIZARD ON THE LOOSE**
Story: Don Markstein
Art: Noel Van Horn
Color: Egmont & S. Daigle-Leach
Lettering: Susie Lee

Li'l Bad Wolf **MERLIN'S MAGIC LAMP**
Story & Art: Gil Turner
(WDC&S 134, November 1951)
Color: Janice Miller

Donald Duck **IT'S A DOG'S LIFE**
Story: Gail Renard & Uhn Printz-Påhlson
Dialogue & Lettering: John Clark
Art: Vicar
Color: Egmont & S. Daigle-Leach

Bucky Bug **UNDERGROUND RESCUE**
Story & Art: Gil Turner
(WDC&S 117, June 1950)
Color: Russ Miller

The Junior Woodchucks **THE PHANTOM JOKER**
Story & Layout: Carl Barks
Art: Daan Jippes
Color: Marie Javins
Lettering: Susie Lee

Front cover art by Daniel Branca, color by Gary Leach

NEXT ISSUE SHIPS WEEK OF APRIL 21ST
www.gemstonepub.com

nomscans HaCsA

GEMSTONE PUBLISHING

STEPHEN A. GEPPI
President/Publisher and Chief Executive Officer

JOHN K. SNYDER JR.
Chief Administrative Officer

STAFF

LEONARD (JOHN) CLARK
Editor-in-Chief

GARY LEACH
Art Director

SUSAN DAIGLE-LEACH
Production Manager

MELISSA BOWERSOX
Director-Creative Projects

ADVERTISING/MARKETING

J.C. VAUGHN
Executive Editor
Toll Free
(888) 375-9800 Ext. 413
ads@gemstonepub.com

ARNOLD T. BLUMBERG
Editor

BRENDA BUSICK
Creative Director

JAMIE DAVID
Executive Liaison

SARA ORTT
Assistant Executive Liaison

MARK HUESMAN
Production Assistant

MIKE WILBUR
Shipping Manager

WALT DISNEY'S COMICS AND STORIES

Walt Disney's Comics and Stories
No. 643, April 2004. Published monthly by Gemstone Publishing.

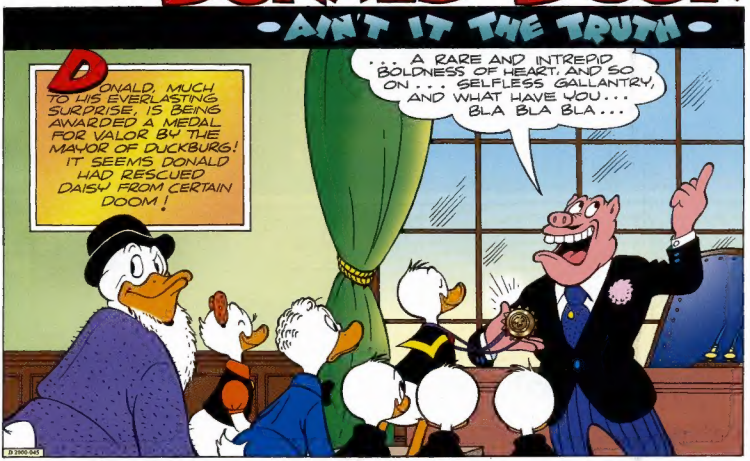
© 2004 Disney Enterprises, Inc., except where noted. All rights reserved. Nothing contained herein may be reproduced without the written permission of Disney Enterprises, Inc., Burbank, CA., or other copyright holders. 12-issue subscription rates: In the U.S., $83.40. In Canada, $90.00, payable in U.S. funds. For advertising rates and information call (888) 375-9800 ext. 413. Subscription and advertising rates subject to change without notice. Postmaster: send address changes to Walt Disney's Comics and Stories, PO Box 469, West Plains, MO 65775.

PRINTED IN CANADA

WALT DISNEY'S

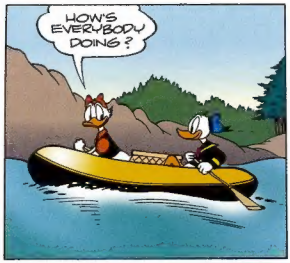
DONALD DUCK

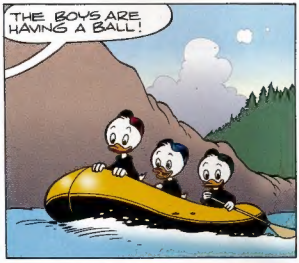
AIN'T IT THE TRUTH

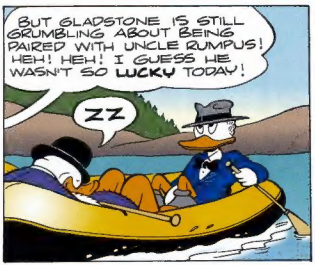

DONALD, MUCH TO HIS EVERLASTING SURPRISE, IS BEING AWARDED A MEDAL FOR VALOR BY THE MAYOR OF DUCKBURG! IT SEEMS DONALD HAD RESCUED DAISY FROM CERTAIN DOOM!
. . . A RARE AND INTREPID BOLDNESS OF HEART, AND SO ON . . . SELFLESS GALLANTRY, AND WHAT HAVE YOU . . . BLA BLA BLA . . .
CONGRATULATIONS, MISTER DUCK!
AT WHICH POINT THE MEDIA MUSCLES IN!
BAMB! GONDOLA, HOI POLLO! WEEKLY! MISS DUCK, YOUR RESCUE IS THE STUFF OF WHICH FRONT COVER SAGAS ARE MADE!
REALLY?
ABSOLUTELY! AND IT'S A STORY I WANT FOR HOI POLLOI!
WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO TELL ALL FOR THE READERS OF OUR NATION?

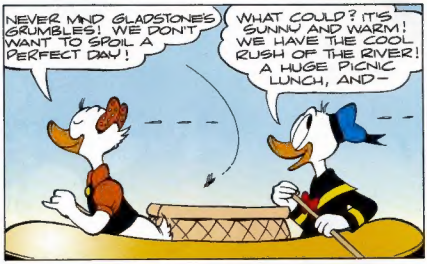
AND SO—

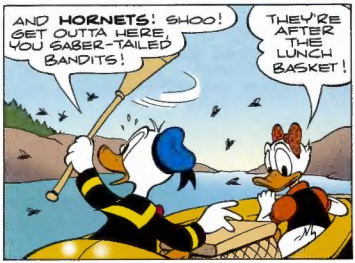
"IT WAS TO BE A COMBINED RIVER RAFTING AND PICNIC DAY FOR THE DUCK FAMILY..."

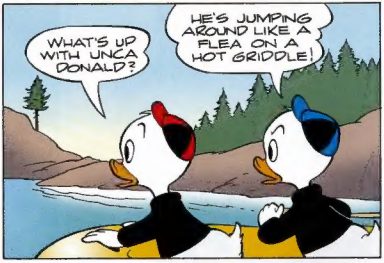


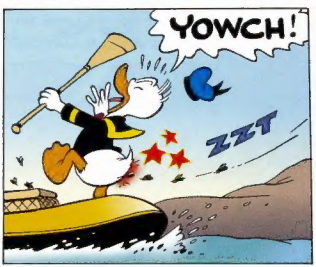


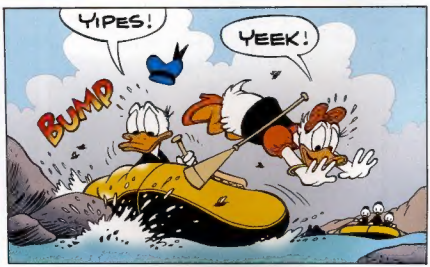


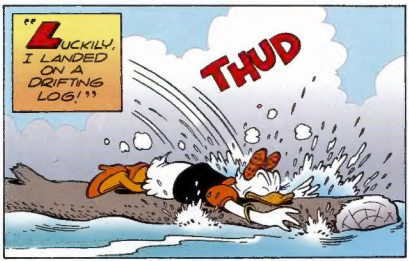

NEVER MIND GLADSTONE'S GRUMBLES! WE DON'T WANT TO SPOIL A PERFECT DAY!
WHAT COULD? IT'S SUNNY AND WARM! WE HAVE THE COOL RUSH OF THE RIVER! A HUGE PICNIC LUNCH, AND—

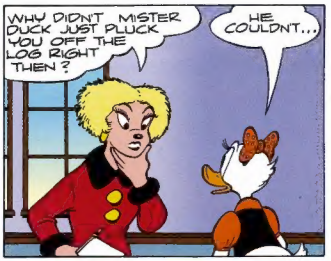


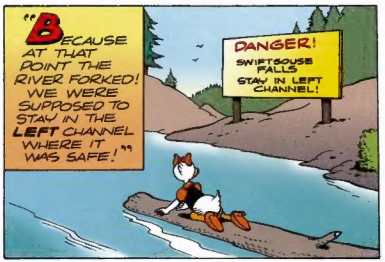


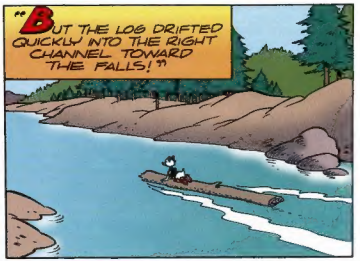


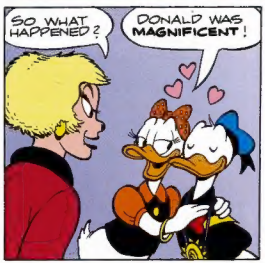


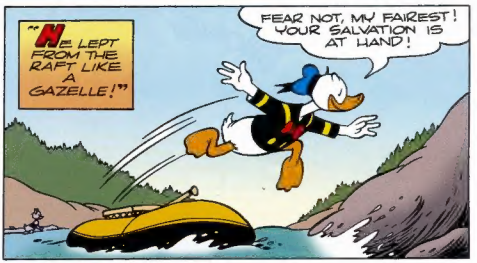

"LUCKILY, I LANDED ON A DRIFTING LOG!"
THUD

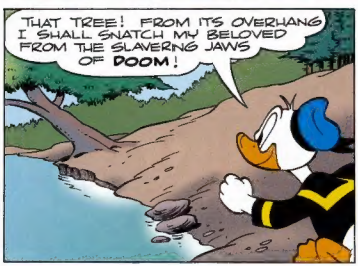

WHY DIDN'T MISTER DUCK JUST PLUCK YOU OFF THE LOG RIGHT THEN?
HE COULDN'T...

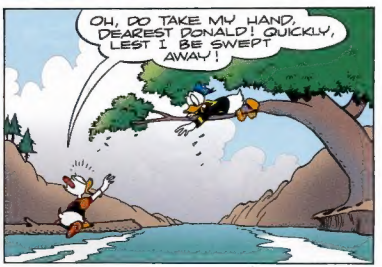

"BECAUSE AT THAT POINT THE RIVER FORKED! WE WERE SUPPOSED TO STAY IN THE LEFT CHANNEL WHERE IT WAS SAFE!"
DANGER!
SWIFTSOUSE FALLS
STAY IN LEFT CHANNEL!


"BUT THE LOG DRIFTED QUICKLY INTO THE RIGHT CHANNEL TOWARD THE FALLS!"


SO WHAT HAPPENED?
DONALD WAS MAGNIFICENT!

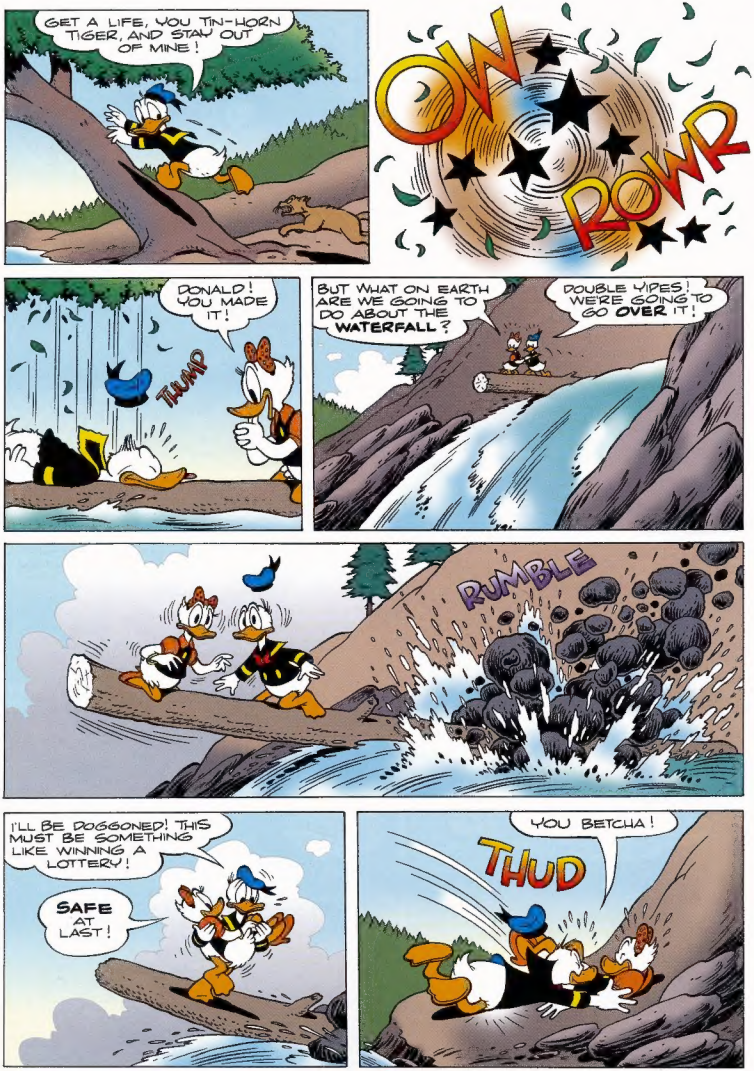

"HE LEPT FROM THE RAFT LIKE A GAZELLE!"
FEAR NOT, MY FAIREST! YOUR SALVATION IS AT HAND!

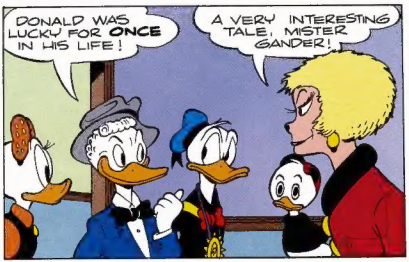

THAT TREE! FROM ITS OVERHANG I SHALL SNATCH MY BELOVED FROM THE SLAVERING JAWS OF DOOM!

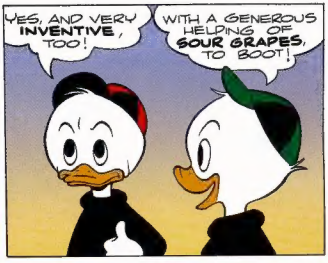

OH, DO TAKE MY HAND, DEAREST DONALD! QUICKLY, LEST I BE SWEPT AWAY!

ALAS, AND DOGGONE THE LUCK! I CAN'T REACH YOU, MY SWEET!
THEREFORE...
...I SHALL FIND ANOTHER WAY TO EFFECT YOUR DELIVERANCE!
OH, DONALD! I QUIVER IN YOUR STEELY GRIP!
"THEN, MIRACULOUSLY, JUST AS ALL SEEMED LOST..."
"...THE LOG SHUDDERED AND STOPPED!"
BWOING
COME, DEAREST! LET ME CONVEY YOU SAFELY TO SHORE AND AWAY FROM THIS ODIOUS MALESTROM!
THERE! NOTHING TO IT!
MY HERO!
THAT'S QUITE A YARN, MISS DUCK!
HA! A YARN IS ALL IT IS, TOO!

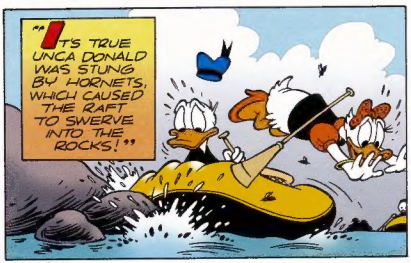
REALLY? WHAT'S YOUR VERSION OF EVENTS, MISTER GANDER?
"DAISY WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN IN ANY TROUBLE IF MY CLUMSY COUSIN HADN'T RUN THEIR RAFT INTO THE ROCKS!"
SCREECH! DONALD! HELP!
I CAN'T! THIS NITWIT RAFT IS OUT OF CONTROL!
THUD
OOF!
HANG ON, DAISY! I'LL FIGURE OUT SOMETHING! I HOPE!
OOPS!
SLIP
OW!
DONALD! SAVE ME! I'M DRIFTING TOWARD THE FALLS!
DON'T WORRY! I'M—
RRRR
UH, OH! NICE KITTY KITTY! DON'T DO ANYTHING I'LL REGRET!
ROWR
HELP!
YOW! HELP!

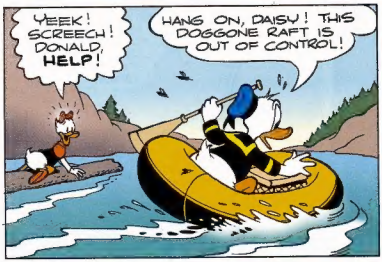

GET A LIFE, YOU TIN-HORN TIGER, AND STAY OUT OF MINE!
OW
ROWR
DONALD! YOU MADE IT!
THUMP
BUT WHAT ON EARTH ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT THE WATERFALL?
DOUBLE YIPES! WE'RE GOING TO GO OVER IT!
RUMBLE
I'LL BE DOGGONED! THIS MUST BE SOMETHING LIKE WINNING A LOTTERY!
SAFE AT LAST!
YOU BETCHA!
THUD

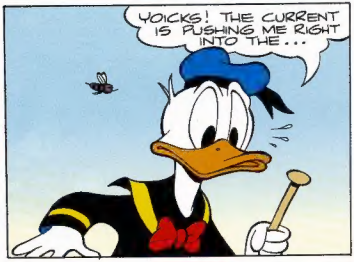

DONALD WAS LUCKY FOR ONCE IN HIS LIFE!
A VERY INTERESTING TALE, MISTER GANDER!

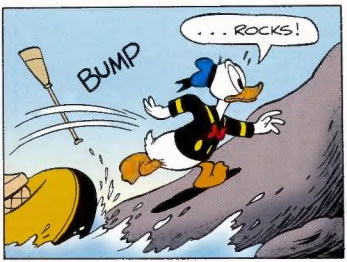

YES, AND VERY INVENTIVE, TOO!
WITH A GENEROUS HELPING OF SOUR GRAPES, TO BOOT!

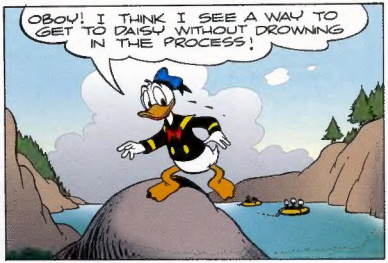
I TAKE IT YOU BOYS HAVE YET ANOTHER VERSION OF THIS SAGA!
YES, MA'AM!

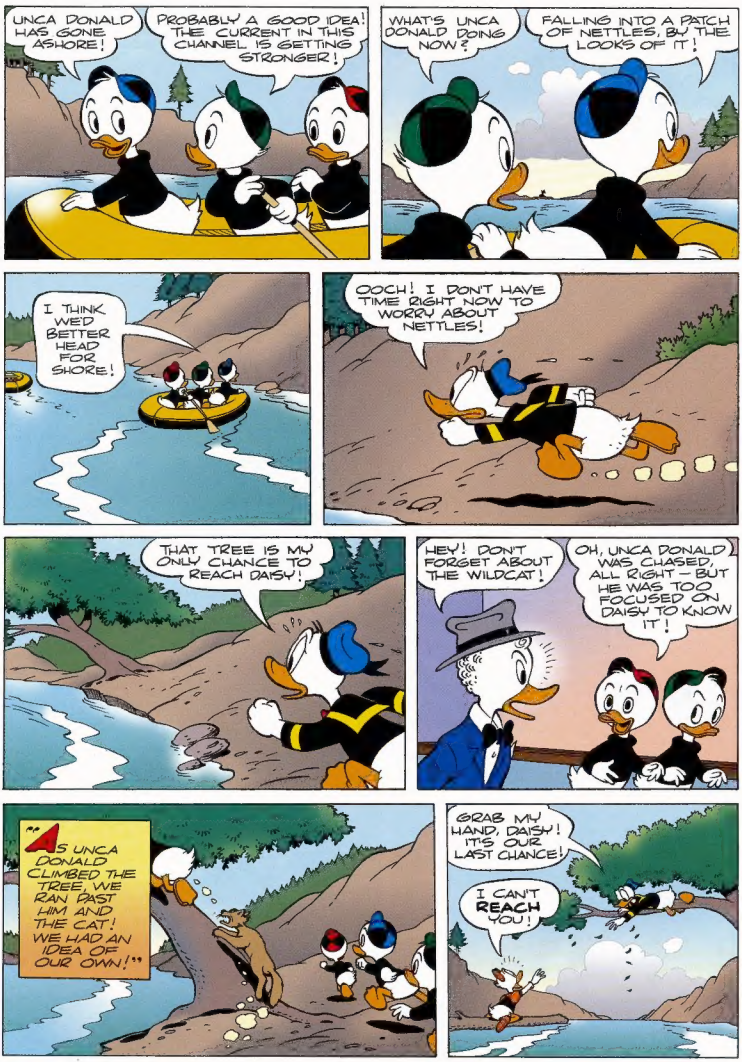

"IT'S TRUE UNCA DONALD WAS STUNG BY HORNETS, WHICH CAUSED THE RAFT TO SWERVE INTO THE ROCKS!"

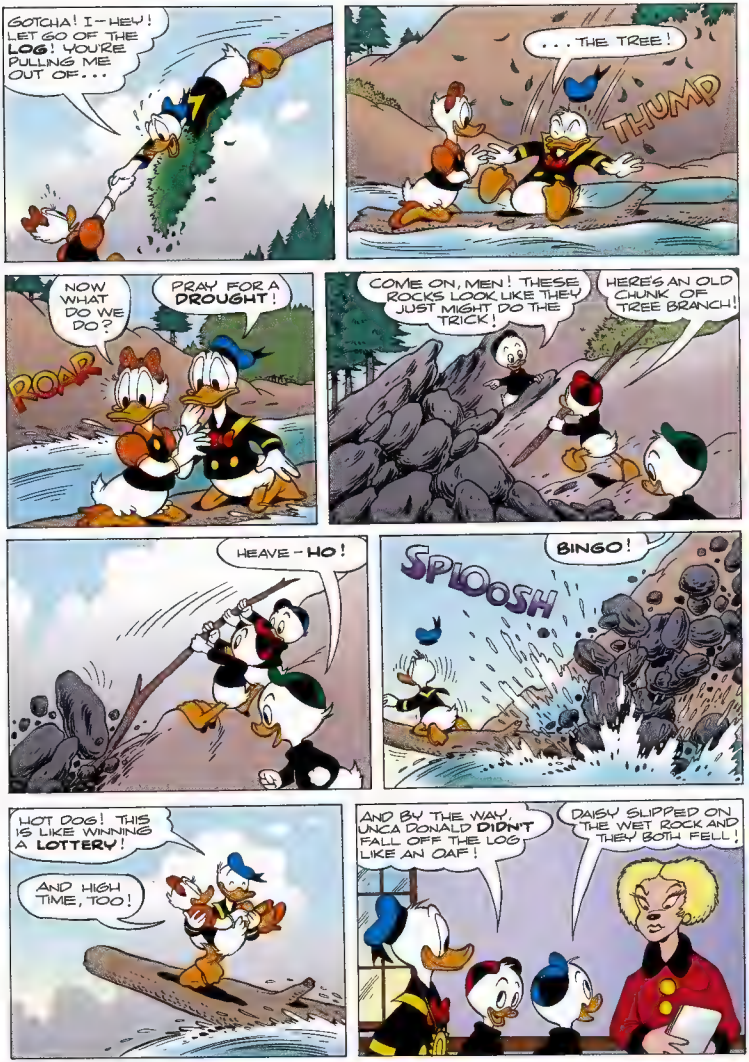

YEEK! SCREECH! DONALD, HELP!
HANG ON, DAISY! THIS DOGGONE RAFT IS OUT OF CONTROL!

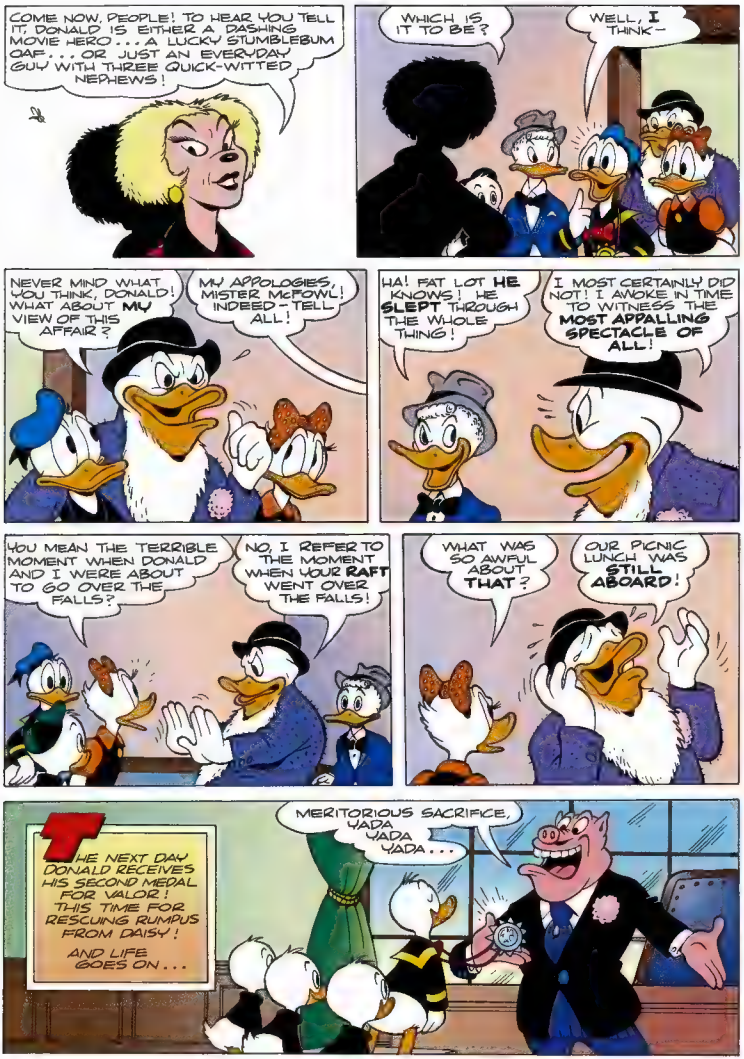

YOICKS! THE CURRENT IS PUSHING ME RIGHT INTO THE...


BUMP
...ROCKS!

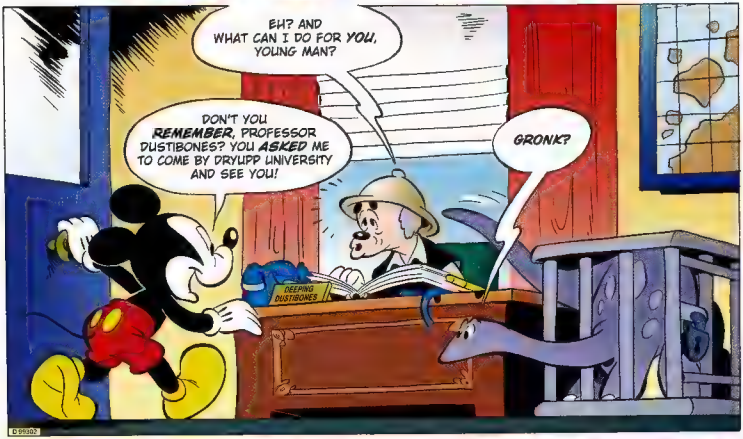

OBOY! I THINK I SEE A WAY TO GET TO DAISY WITHOUT DROWNING IN THE PROCESS!

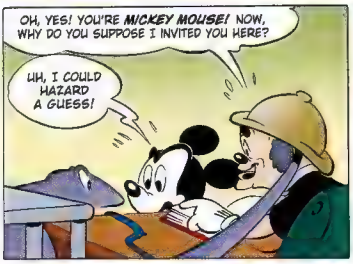

UNCA DONALD HAS GONE ASHORE!
PROBABLY A GOOD IDEA! THE CURRENT IN THIS CHANNEL IS GETTING STRONGER!
WHAT'S UNCA DONALD DOING NOW?
FALLING INTO A PATCH OF NETTLES, BY THE LOOKS OF IT!
I THINK WE'D BETTER HEAD FOR SHORE!
OOCH! I DON'T HAVE TIME RIGHT NOW TO WORRY ABOUT NETTLES!
THAT TREE IS MY ONLY CHANCE TO REACH DAISY!
HEY! DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE WILDCAT!
OH, UNCA DONALD WAS CHASED, ALL RIGHT — BUT HE WAS TOO FOCUSED ON DAISY TO KNOW IT!
"AS UNCA DONALD CLIMBED THE TREE, WE RAN PAST HIM AND THE CAT! WE HAD AN IDEA OF OUR OWN!"
GRAB MY HAND, DAISY! IT'S OUR LAST CHANCE!
I CAN'T REACH YOU!

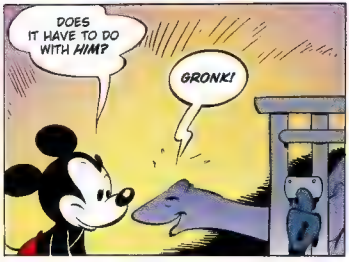

GOTCHA! I—HEY! LET GO OF THE LOG! YOU'RE PULLING ME OUT OF...
...THE TREE!
THUMP
NOW WHAT DO WE DO?
PRAY FOR A DROUGHT!
ROAR
COME ON, MEN! THESE ROCKS LOOK LIKE THEY JUST MIGHT DO THE TRICK!
HERE'S AN OLD CHUNK OF TREE BRANCH!
HEAVE—HO!
SPLOOSH
BINGO!
HOT DOG! THIS IS LIKE WINNING A LOTTERY!
AND HIGH TIME, TOO!
AND BY THE WAY, UNCA DONALD DIDN'T FALL OFF THE LOG LIKE AN OAF!
DAISY SLIPPED ON THE WET ROCK AND THEY BOTH FELL!

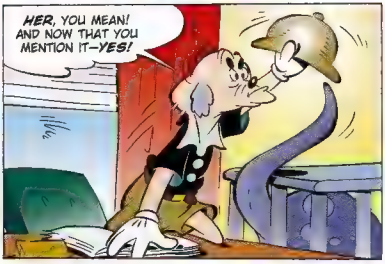

COME NOW, PEOPLE! TO HEAR YOU TELL IT, DONALD IS EITHER A DASHING MOVIE HERO... A LUCKY STUMBLEBUM OAF... OR JUST AN EVERYDAY GUY WITH THREE QUICK-WITTED NEPHEWS!
WHICH IS IT TO BE?
WELL, I THINK—
NEVER MIND WHAT YOU THINK, DONALD! WHAT ABOUT MY VIEW OF THIS AFFAIR?
MY APPOLOGIES, MISTER McFOWL! INDEED—TELL ALL!
HA! FAT LOT HE KNOWS! HE SLEPT THROUGH THE WHOLE THING!
I MOST CERTAINLY DID NOT! I AWOKE IN TIME TO WITNESS THE MOST APPALLING SPECTACLE OF ALL!
YOU MEAN THE TERRIBLE MOMENT WHEN DONALD AND I WERE ABOUT TO GO OVER THE FALLS?
NO, I REFER TO THE MOMENT WHEN YOUR RAFT WENT OVER THE FALLS!
WHAT WAS SO AWFUL ABOUT THAT?
OUR PICNIC LUNCH WAS STILL ABOARD!
THE NEXT DAY DONALD RECEIVES HIS SECOND MEDAL FOR VALOR! THIS TIME FOR RESCUING RUMPUS FROM DAISY!
AND LIFE GOES ON...
MERITORIOUS SACRIFICE, YADA YADA YADA...

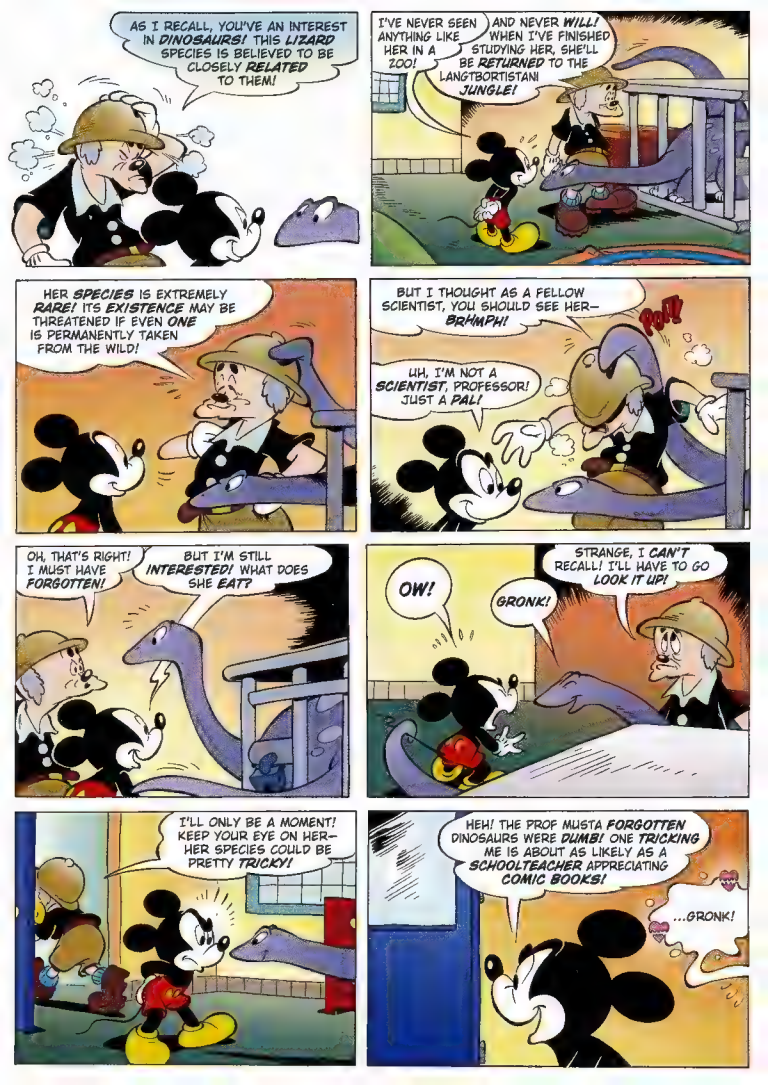
Walt Disney's MICKEY MOUSE in Lizard on the Loose


EH? AND WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU, YOUNG MAN?
DON'T YOU REMEMBER, PROFESSOR DUSTIBONES? YOU ASKED ME TO COME BY DRYUPP UNIVERSITY AND SEE YOU!
GRONK?
DEEPING DUSTIBONES



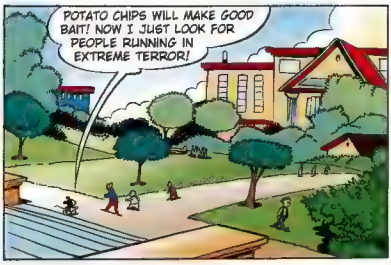


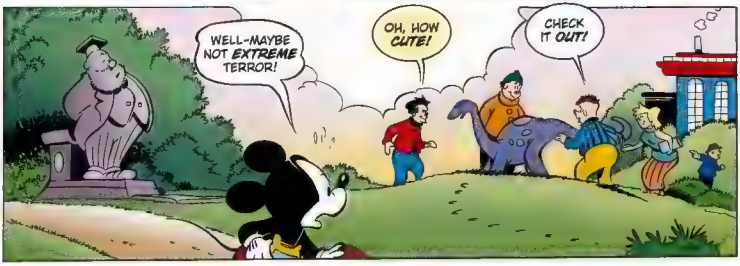



AS I RECALL, YOU'VE AN INTEREST IN DINOSAURS! THIS LIZARD SPECIES IS BELIEVED TO BE CLOSELY RELATED TO THEM!
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE HER IN A ZOO!
AND NEVER WILL! WHEN I'VE FINISHED STUDYING HER, SHE'LL BE RETURNED TO THE LANGTBORTISTANI JUNGLE!
HER SPECIES IS EXTREMELY RARE! ITS EXISTENCE MAY BE THREATENED IF EVEN ONE IS PERMANENTLY TAKEN FROM THE WILD!
BUT I THOUGHT AS A FELLOW SCIENTIST, YOU SHOULD SEE HER— BRHMPH!
PONT
UH, I'M NOT A SCIENTIST, PROFESSOR! JUST A PAL!
OH, THAT'S RIGHT! I MUST HAVE FORGOTTEN!
BUT I'M STILL INTERESTED! WHAT DOES SHE EAT?
OW!
GRONK!
STRANGE, I CAN'T RECALL! I'LL HAVE TO GO LOOK IT UP!
I'LL ONLY BE A MOMENT! KEEP YOUR EYE ON HER— HER SPECIES COULD BE PRETTY TRICKY!
HEH! THE PROF MUSTA FORGOTTEN DINOSAURS WERE DUMB! ONE TRICKING ME IS ABOUT AS LIKELY AS A SCHOOLTEACHER APPRECIATING COMIC BOOKS!
...GRONK!

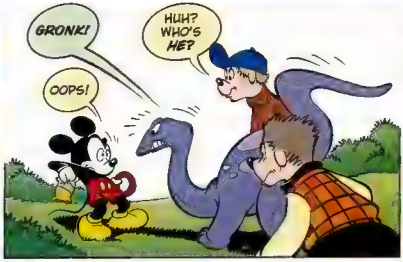
AW, YOU POOR LITTLE THING!
...GRONK!
HMM! IF I TUG ON THIS LOOP WHILE PUSHING THAT ONE OVER...
HOW'D YOU GET SO TANGLED UP, LIZARD?
OR SHOULD I CALL YOU LIZZIE?
MMMPH ALMOST— I THINK...
GOT IT!
GRONK!
GRONK!
HUH?! OW!
OH, MY GOODNESS! SHE'S THE ONLY SPECIMEN OF HER KIND EVER SEEN!
PROFESSOR! I... UH... GULP!
I TOLD YOU SHE WAS TRICKY! OH, WHY DID I EVER LEAVE THIS ROOM?
DON'T BLAME YOURSELF, PROFESSOR!
NO—SERIOUSLY! WHY DID I LEAVE? I CAN'T RECALL!
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER! RIGHT NOW I'VE GOT A LIZARD TO CATCH!

LIZZIE WAS SURE LUCKY— BUT SHE'LL SOON SEE SHE'S NO MATCH FOR A REAL BRAIN!
SNACKS

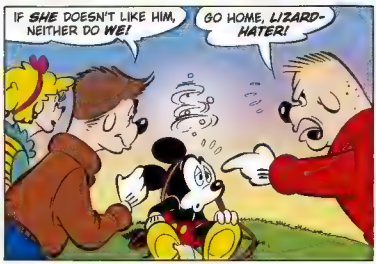

POTATO CHIPS WILL MAKE GOOD BAIT! NOW I JUST LOOK FOR PEOPLE RUNNING IN EXTREME TERROR!

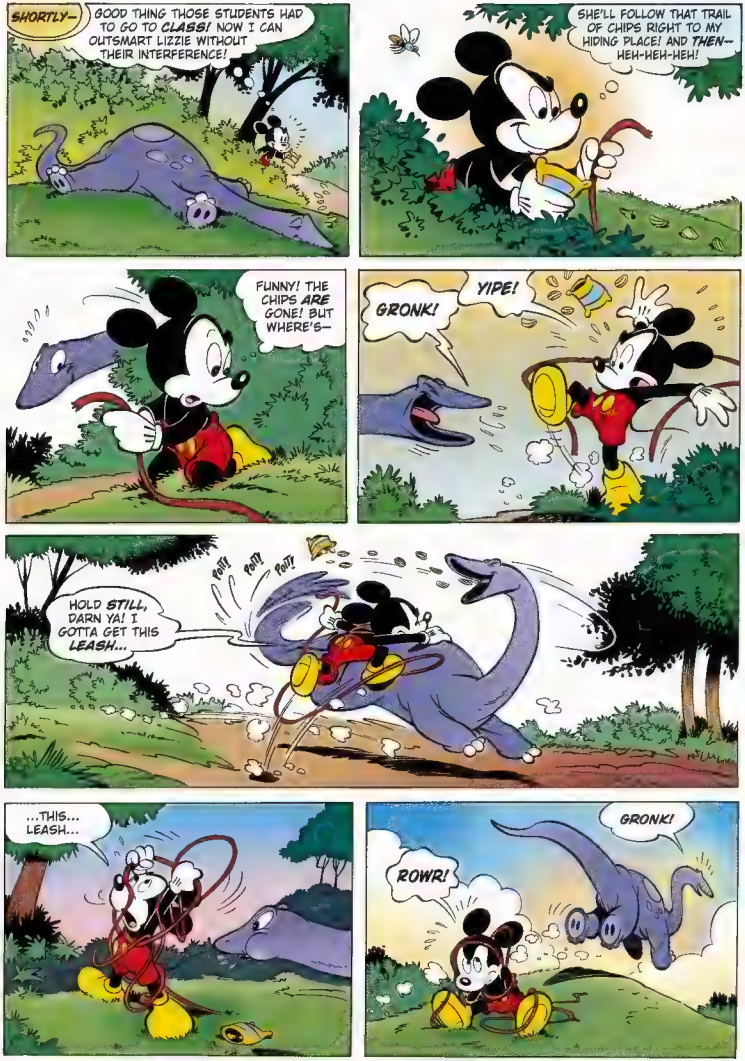

WELL—MAYBE NOT EXTREME TERROR!
OH, HOW CUTE!
CHECK IT OUT!

HEH! THIS'LL BE EASY! THE DUMB LIZARD WON'T EVEN REMEMBER WHO I AM!

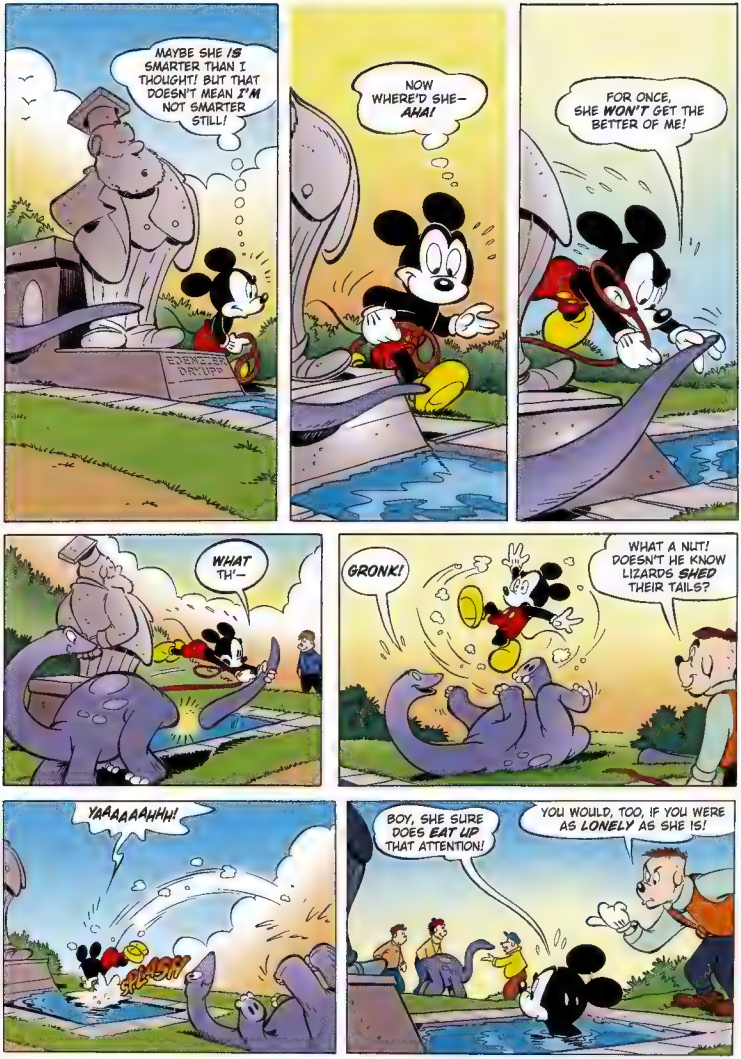

GRONK!
HUH? WHO'S HE?
OOPS!

?
?
YOW!
WHOOSH!

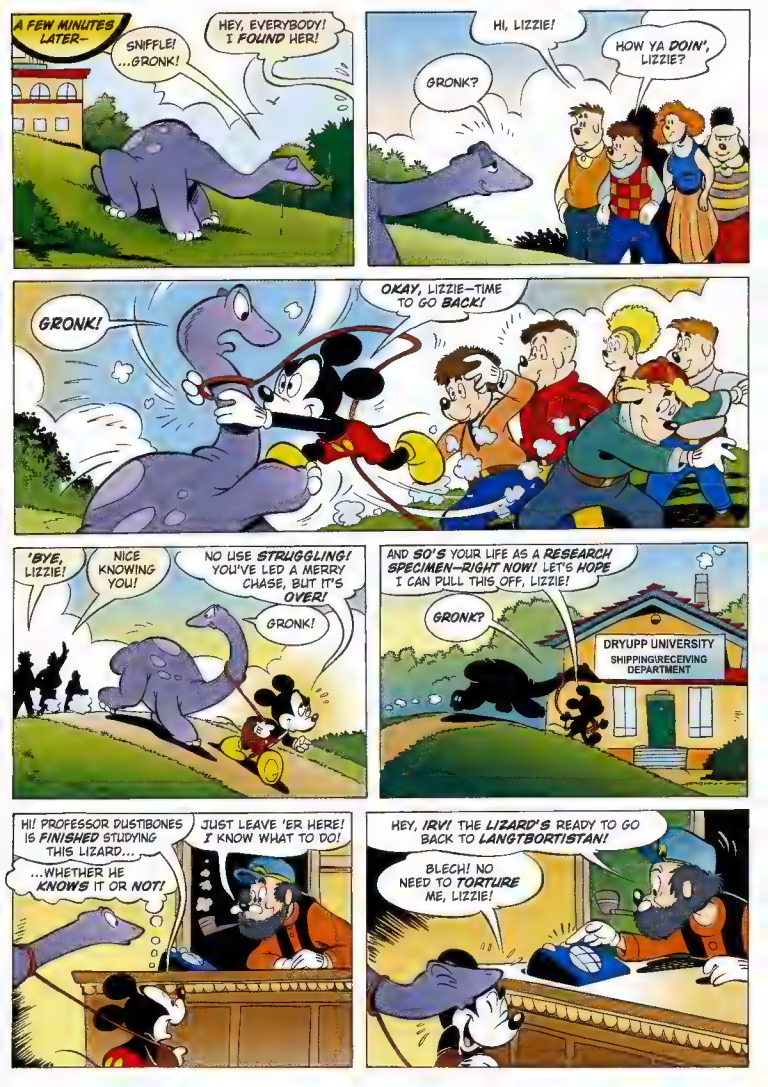

IF SHE DOESN'T LIKE HIM, NEITHER DO WE!
GO HOME, LIZARD-HATER!


SHORTLY—
GOOD THING THOSE STUDENTS HAD TO GO TO CLASS! NOW I CAN OUTSMART LIZZIE WITHOUT THEIR INTERFERENCE!
SHE'LL FOLLOW THAT TRAIL OF CHIPS RIGHT TO MY HIDING PLACE! AND THEN— HEH-HEH-HEH!
FUNNY! THE CHIPS ARE GONE! BUT WHERE'S—
GRONK!
YIPE!
HOLD STILL, DARN YA! I GOTTA GET THIS LEASH...
POIT!
POIT!
POIT!
...THIS... LEASH...
ROWR!
GRONK!

ANOTHER HOUR, ANOTHER GAME PLAN—
CLASSES CHANGE IN A MINUTE! LIZZIE WILL PASS UNDER THIS TREE ON HER WAY TO GET PETTED BY THE STUDENTS!
AND WHEN SHE DOES— HEH-HEH-HEH!
GRONK!
YAAAGGHH!
HEY! Y' CAN'T—
GRONK! GRONK!
WHY, YOU— BLEEECCCHHH!
SMACK
GRRR!
GRONK!
IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D SAY SHE WAS OUTSMARTING ME!
HIYA, CRITTER!

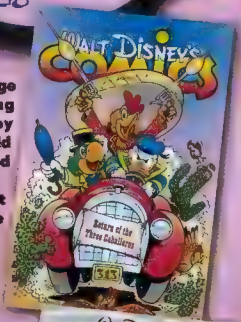

MAYBE SHE *IS* SMARTER THAN I THOUGHT! BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN *I'M* NOT SMARTER STILL!
EVERGLADES DRY UPP
NOW WHERE'D SHE— *AHA!*
FOR ONCE, SHE *WON'T* GET THE BETTER OF ME!
WHAT TH'—
GRONK!
WHAT A NUT! DOESN'T HE KNOW LIZARDS *SHED* THEIR TAILS?
YAAAAAHHH!
BOY, SHE SURE DOES *EAT UP* THAT ATTENTION!
YOU WOULD, TOO, IF YOU WERE AS *LONELY* AS SHE IS!

LONELY? HMM! SAY, SHE DOES SEEM KINDA INSECURE!
SURE! THIS IS A VERY STRANGE ENVIRONMENT FOR HER!
GRONK!
THEN SHE SHOULD BE GLAD TO RETURN TO HER NICE, SAFE CAGE!
NO WAY, MAN! YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE AN EXPERIMENTAL ANIMAL?
BUT PROFESSOR DUSTIBONES IS VERY HUMANE! AND IT'S FOR THE SAKE OF SCIENCE! AND HE'S GOING TO RETURN HER TO HER JUNGLE SOON—
HER JUNGLE?! GREAT! YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME THAT BEFORE!
I KNOW HOW HARD THIS IS, LIZZIE! BUT YOU'LL JUST BE BRIEFLY LOCKED UP! FOR A GOOD CAUSE—
GRONK!
LOCKED UP?!
KICK THE LOCKER-UPPER OFF CAMPUS!
TAR AND FEATHER HIM—
W-WAIT!
I'VE GOT A PLAN! A BETTER PLAN THAN BEFORE...
WHO CARES?!
HOLD ON, GUYS! LET'S HEAR HIM OUT!


A FEW MINUTES LATER—
SNIFFLE! ...GRONK!
HEY, EVERYBODY! I FOUND HER!
HI, LIZZIE!
HOW YA DOIN', LIZZIE?
GRONK?
GRONK!
OKAY, LIZZIE—TIME TO GO BACK!
'BYE, LIZZIE!
NICE KNOWING YOU!
NO USE STRUGGLING! YOU'VE LED A MERRY CHASE, BUT IT'S OVER!
GRONK!
AND SO'S YOUR LIFE AS A RESEARCH SPECIMEN—RIGHT NOW! LET'S HOPE I CAN PULL THIS OFF, LIZZIE!
GRONK?
DRYUPP UNIVERSITY
SHIPPING/RECEIVING DEPARTMENT
HI! PROFESSOR DUSTIBONES IS FINISHED STUDYING THIS LIZARD...
...WHETHER HE KNOWS IT OR NOT!
JUST LEAVE 'ER HERE! I KNOW WHAT TO DO!
HEY, IRV! THE LIZARD'S READY TO GO BACK TO LANGTBORTISTAN!
BLECH! NO NEED TO TORTURE ME, LIZZIE!

I'VE ALREADY GOT A SOURCE OF TORTURE COMING! PROFESSOR DUSTIBONES IS GONNA BE FURIOUS!
I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THAT CREATURE WAS TO HIM! I MUST'VE TAKEN LEAVE OF MY SENSES!
EH? AND WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU, YOUNG MAN?
PROFESSOR, I, UH...
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT—
PLEASE EXCUSE ME A MOMENT!
Ring!
ALL TAKEN CARE OF, YOU SAY? SHE'S ON HER WAY BACK TO LANGTBORTISTAN? VERY GOOD! THANK YOU FOR CALLING! GOODBYE!
ODD... I DON'T RECALL PERFORMING THE LAST FEW EXPERIMENTS...
SAY! YOU'RE MICKEY MOUSE! WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DRYUPP UNIVERSITY?
IT'S A SHAME YOU WEREN'T HERE EARLIER! YOU'D HAVE SEEN A VERY STRANGE LIZARD—
NEVER MIND, PROFESSOR! I WAS JUST IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND THOUGHT I'D SAY HI!
The End

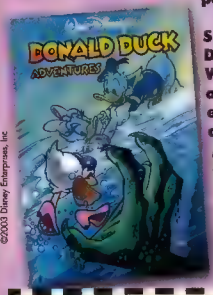
MORE Disney excitement TO COME!



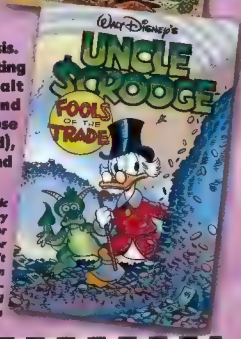
These books are just the first in a series of prestige and regular-format comics that will feature exciting stories and adventures of the Standard Disney Characters that you know and love, including Donald Duck, Uncle Scrooge, Mickey Mouse, Huey, Dewey, and Louie, Gyro Gearloose, and many more.

Now on sale and on a monthly schedule. Walt Disney's Comics and Stories and Walt Disney's Uncle Scrooge, each in 64-page Prestige format for $6.95.

Available July 22, 2003. The first book in Gemstone's new series – Walt Disney's Donald Duck Adventures, a travel-sized pocket book featuring 128 pages of long adventure stories in 5" X 7½" squarebound format for $7.95. These books will be published on a regular basis.



Appearing monthly starting September 9, 2003. Walt Disney's Donald Duck and Walt Disney's Mickey Mouse and Friends (not pictured), each in 32-page newsstand comic format for $2.95



Look for them at your local comic shop! Can't find a comic shop? Try the Toll Free Comic Shop Locator Service at (888) COMIC BOOK for the shop nearest you! If you can't find Gemstone's Disney comics in your neighborhood you may subscribe at no extra charge, and we'll pay the postage! Use the coupon below, or a copy:

©2003 Disney Enterprises, Inc

Mail this coupon to: Gemstone Publishing, P.O. Box 469, West Plains, Missouri 65775.
MO residents add 6.975% sales tax; MD residents add 5% sales tax.

- ❒ Walt Disney's Comics and Stories: $83.40 for 12 issues ($90.00 Canada, payable in US funds)
- ❒ Walt Disney's Uncle Scrooge: $83.40 for 12 issues ($90.00 Canada, payable in US funds)
- ❒ Walt Disney's Donald Duck and Friends $35.40 for 12 issues ($40.00 Canada, payable in US funds)
- ❒ Walt Disney's Mickey Mouse and Friends $35.40 for 12 issues ($40.00 Canada, payable in US funds)
- ❒ D.D.A.: $95.40 for 12 issues ($105.00 Canada and US, payable in US funds)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

❒ Visa ❒ MasterCard ❒ Other Card #_____ Exp. Date:_____

COMIC SHOP LOCATOR SERVICE
1-888-266-4226

GEMSTONE PUBLISHING

www.gemstonepub.com

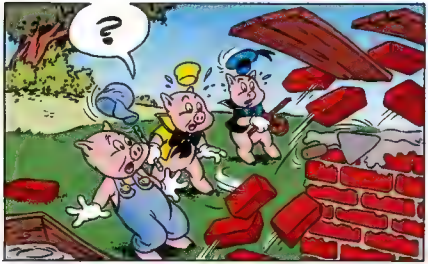
The story of a hundred years of heroic adventures is right here in the pages of **Hake's Price Guide to Character Toys**, 4th edition. From Superman to Spider-Man, from the X-Men to Captain Marvel, this book covers the full range of superhero collectibles with prices and detailed background information on everything from statues and action figures to membership kits and pinbacks. **Hake's Price Guide** is your source for the latest on the Heroic Age of Comic Character Collectibles!

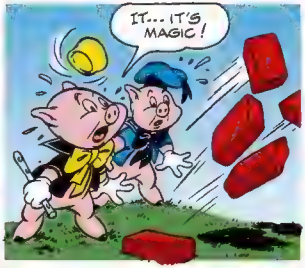
Hake's Price Guide to Character Toys #4
$35 (STAR15977)

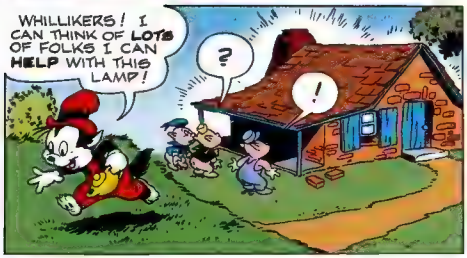
COMIC SHOP LOCATOR SERVICE
888-COMIC-BOOK
888-266-4226

Walt Disney Presents
The LI'L BAD WOLF
WHILLIKERS! IT WAS NICE OF MISTER MERLIN, THE MAGICIAN, TO LOAN ME THIS LAMP FOR OUR SCHOOL EXHIBIT!
HE SAID I COULD USE IT FOR A FEW SIMPLE TRICKS! IT WILL ONLY WORK WITH GOOD WISHES!
THAT WAY, NO HARM COULD COME IF POP SHOULD HAPPEN TO GET HOLD OF IT!
HOW-DEE-DOO, LI'L WOLF!
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE BEEN WORKING HARD, BRER BEAR!
MAN! I BEEN CHOMPIN' WEEDS IN DIS GOOBER PATCH SINCE DE SUN COME UP! SHO' WISH I DIDN'T HAVE TO WORK SO HARD!

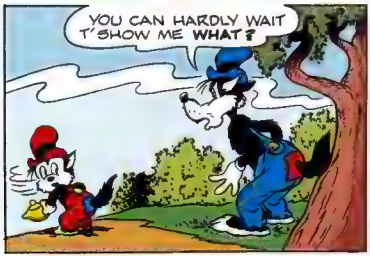
I WISH YOU DIDN'T, EITHER! I WISH YOUR CROP WAS ALL HARVESTED!
ME, TOO!
WHA' DAT?
ZOOP!
WHOO-EE! DE WHOLE GOOBER CROP GROWED... AND NOW IT'S BEIN' SHOCKED!
HOW DAT HAPPEN, LI'L WOLF?
I DID IT WITH THE MAGIC LAMP MISTER MERLIN LOANED ME!
MAN! I'M SURE IN-DEBTED TO YOU! THANK-EE!
I'M GLAD I COULD HELP YOU, BRER BEAR!
HM-M-M... PRACTICAL PIG HAS BEEN TRYING TO FINISH HIS HOUSE BEFORE THE RAINS COME!
MAGIC LAMP, I WISH YOU'D FINISH PRACTICAL PIG'S HOUSE FOR HIM!

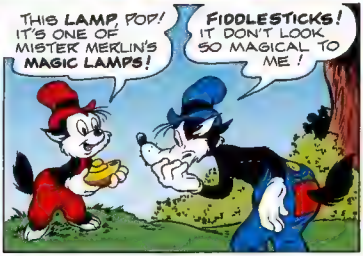

?


IT... IT'S MAGIC!


WHILLIKERS! I CAN THINK OF LOTS OF FOLKS I CAN HELP WITH THIS LAMP!
?
!

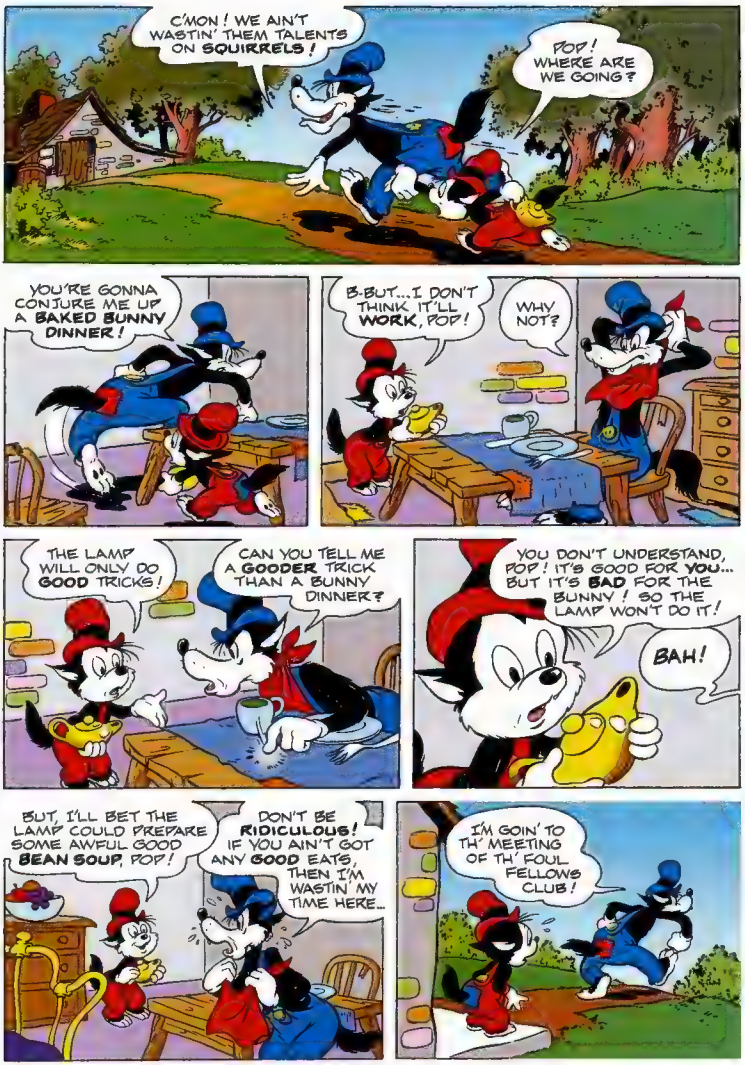
I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO SHOW IT TO POP!

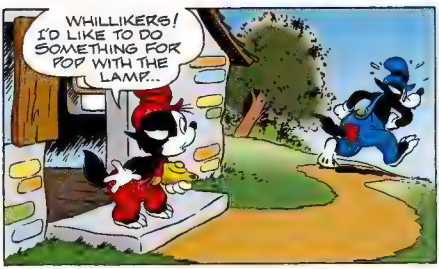

YOU CAN HARDLY WAIT T'SHOW ME WHAT?


THIS LAMP, POP! IT'S ONE OF MISTER MERLIN'S MAGIC LAMPS!
FIDDLESTICKS! IT DON'T LOOK SO MAGICAL TO ME!

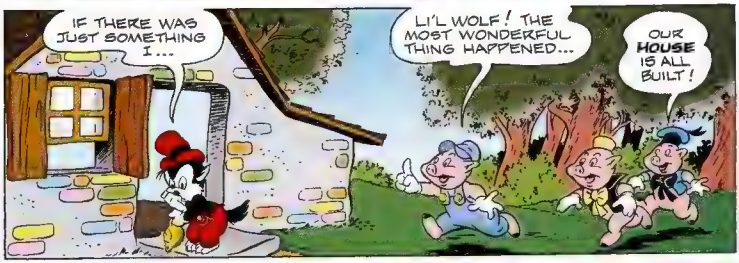
SEE HOW HARD IT IS FOR THAT POOR LI'L SQUIRREL TO FIND ANYTHING TO EAT? I'M GOING TO HELP HIM!

HEY! IT WORKS!


C'MON! WE AIN'T WASTIN' THEM TALENTS ON SQUIRRELS!
POP! WHERE ARE WE GOING?
YOU'RE GONNA CONJURE ME UP A BAKED BUNNY DINNER!
B-BUT...I DON'T THINK IT'LL WORK, POP!
WHY NOT?
THE LAMP WILL ONLY DO GOOD TRICKS!
CAN YOU TELL ME A GOODER TRICK THAN A BUNNY DINNER?
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, POP! IT'S GOOD FOR YOU... BUT IT'S BAD FOR THE BUNNY! SO THE LAMP WON'T DO IT!
BAH!
BUT, I'LL BET THE LAMP COULD PREPARE SOME AWFUL GOOD BEAN SOUP, POP!
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! IF YOU AIN'T GOT ANY GOOD EATS, THEN I'M WASTIN' MY TIME HERE...
I'M GOIN' TO TH' MEETING OF TH' FOUL FELLOWS CLUB!


WHILLIKERS! I'D LIKE TO DO SOMETHING FOR POP WITH THE LAMP...

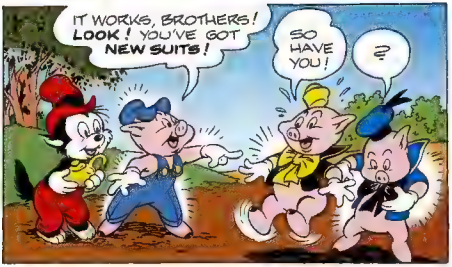
BUT, ANYTHING THAT WOULD HELP HIM, WOULD BE BAD LUCK FOR SOMEONE ELSE!


IF THERE WAS JUST SOMETHING I...
LI'L WOLF! THE MOST WONDERFUL THING HAPPENED...
OUR HOUSE IS ALL BUILT!

IT JUST SEEMED TO BUILD ITSELF ALMOST BY MAGIC!
TEE, HEE! YES, I KNOW!
Y-YOU KNOW?

YES! WITH THIS MAGIC LAMP, I CAN DO ALL SORTS OF THINGS FOR MY FRIENDS!

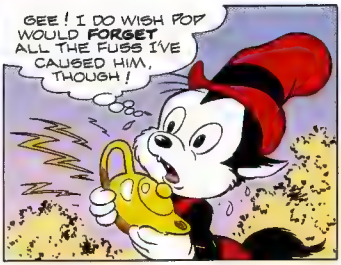
WHY... I COULD GIVE YOU NEW SUITS OR ANYTHING... JUST AS EASY AS PIE!

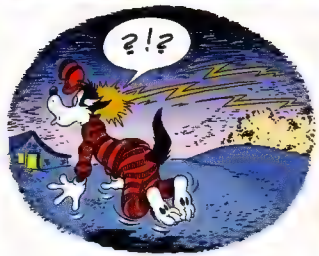

IT WORKS, BROTHERS! LOOK! YOU'VE GOT NEW SUITS!
SO HAVE YOU!
?

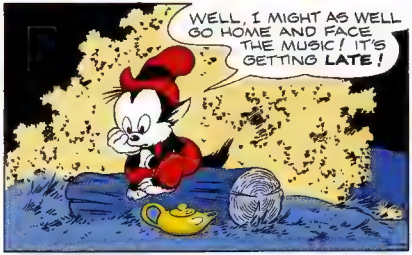
I WISH I COULD DO SOMETHING FOR MY POP WITH THE LAMP!
WHY DON'T YOU GIVE HIM A NEW SUIT? HE LOOKS AWFULLY RAGTAG!
THAT'S A GOOD IDEA! I WISH HE DID HAVE A NEW SUIT!
MEANWHILE, AT THE FOUL FELLOWS MEETING...
I NOMINATES FER PRESIDENT OF OUR CLUB, ONE OF TH' FIERCEST FELLAS I KNOW... ZEKE WOLF!
I ACCEPTS TH' NOMINATION!
LOOK! LI'L LORD FOUNDERLOY!
WHAT TH'?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF IT'LL WORK THAT FAR AWAY!
HM-M···
IT WORKED ALL RIGHT, LI'L WOLF!
LOOK!
HE GOT THE NEW SUIT!
HE'S A DISGRACE TO US FOUL FELLOWS!
?

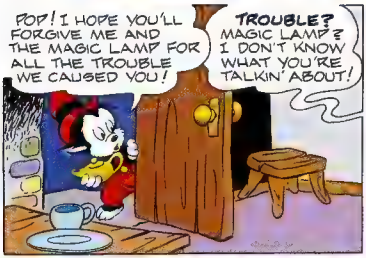
POP! WHAT HAPPENED?
I'M NOT SURE, BUT IT MUSTA BEEN YER FOOLIN' AROUND WITH TH' LAMP THAT DID IT!
GIT THESE DUDS OFF OF ME!
CONJURE UP SOMETHIN' ELSE BEFORE THEY TAR AN' FEATHER ME!
WHAT DO YOU WANT, POP? PLAID... OR STRIPES... OR...
I DON'T CARE! JUST GET ME OUT OF THIS SISSY SUIT!
I ALWAYS SORT OF LIKED STRIPES, POP!
AWK!
!!!
YEOW! A CONVICT! STOP! STOP IN TH' NAME OF TH' LAW!
POLICE STATION
HALP!
OH, DEAR! I GUESS I'M JUST A FAILURE AS A SON...

NO MATTER WHAT I DO, IT SEEMS TO WORK AGAINST POP!


GEE! I DO WISH POP WOULD **FORGET** ALL THE FUSS I'VE CAUSED HIM, THOUGH!


?!?


WELL, I MIGHT AS WELL GO HOME AND FACE THE MUSIC! IT'S GETTING **LATE**!

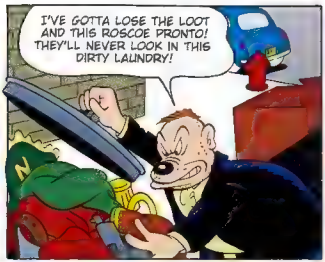

POP! I HOPE YOU'LL FORGIVE ME AND THE MAGIC LAMP FOR ALL THE TROUBLE WE CAUSED YOU!
TROUBLE? MAGIC LAMP? I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKIN' ABOUT!

FAR AS **I** KNOW, I'VE BEEN HOME ALL DAY COOKIN' THIS **DEE**-LICIOUS **BEAN SOUP**!

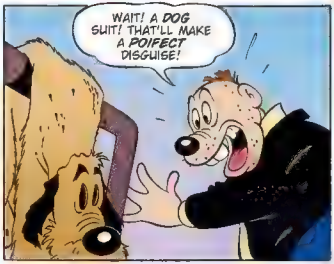
ONLY **ONE THING** BOTHERS ME... I CAN'T FIGGER OUT WHERE THAT RIDICULOUS STRIPED SUIT CAME FROM!

WALT DISNEY'S
Donald Duck
in
IT'S A DOG'S LIFE
IT MUST BE NATIONAL DOG DAY, OR SOMETHING! LOOK AT EVERYBODY OUT HAVING FUN WITH THEIR PUPS AROUND TOWN TODAY!
313
D 89243
I GOTTA ADMIT, I HAVE A SOFT SPOT FOR POOCHES MYSELF!
I CAN JUST IMAGINE MYSELF WITH A CUDDLY LITTLE PUPPY IN MY LAP!
ACROSS TOWN, A NOT-SO-CUDDLY BANK ROBBER MAKES HIS ESCAPE — AND A DATE WITH DESTINY!...
MONKE BANK
STOP! THIEF!
DARN IT — WE ALWAYS SHOUT THAT, BUT THEY NEVER DO IT!

=PUFF!= THEY'RE GAININ' ON ME! THEY'RE MAKIN' COPS TOUGHER THAN THEY USED TO!
DRESSED TO THRILL

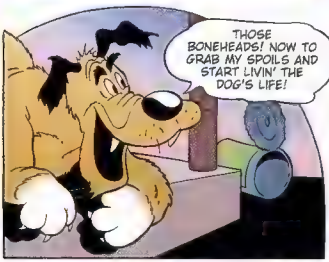

I'VE GOTTA LOSE THE LOOT AND THIS ROSCOE PRONTO! THEY'LL NEVER LOOK IN THIS DIRTY LAUNDRY!

BUT THEY COULD STILL PICK ME UP ON SUSPICION AND HOLD ME FOR A FEW DAYS, DOGGONE IT ALL!


WAIT! A DOG SUIT! THAT'LL MAKE A PERFECT DISGUISE!

THOSE COPS WILL NEVER PINCH A POOCH! HAR HAR! IF MY CAT BURGLAR PA COULD SEE ME NOW!

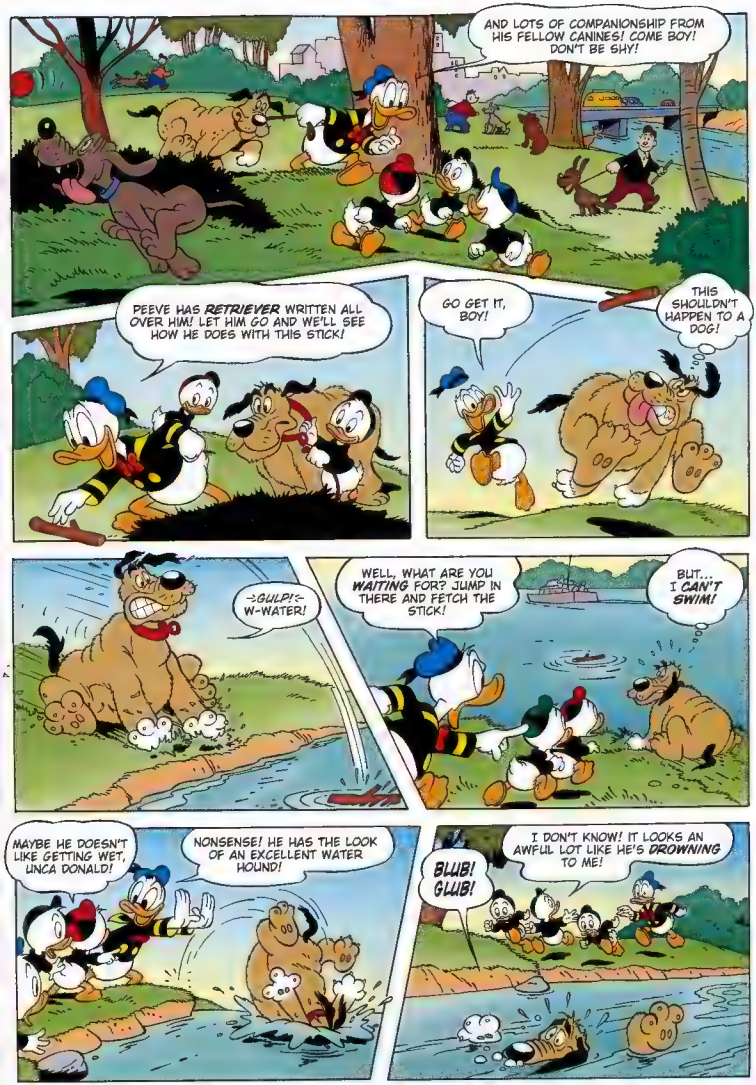
THAT MISCREANT CAN'T HAVE GOTTEN FAR! WHERE IS HE?
I'LL ADMIT I'M PERPLEXED! HE'S DISAPPEARED COMPLETELY!
HEH! HEH!


THOSE BONEHEADS! NOW TO GRAB MY SPOILS AND START LIVIN' THE DOG'S LIFE!

BUT FATE HAS DECIDED TO TAKE A HAND...
WHOA! WHAT'S THAT I SEE BUT A PRECIOUS PUP?
WHAT NOW?

I'VE BEEN PINING FOR A PET, AND HERE YOU ARE! A FINE SPECIMEN OF DOGDOM! IT'S GOT TO BE FATE!
AHA! NO COLLAR AND NO LICENSE MEANS YOU'RE A POOR, WAYWARD STRAY! WELL, THE HARD LIFE IS OVER FOR YOU, MY FRIEND! YOU'VE FOUND A HOME!
I'LL BET YOU HAVE A PEDIGREE SOMEWHERE! JUST LOOK AT THAT FACE! THOSE NOBLE LINES! THAT POSTURE!
DRAT! NOW I'M GOIN' TO HAVE TO PLAY ALONG WITH THIS KNUCKLEHEAD UNTIL I CAN MAKE A GETAWAY AND COME BACK FOR THE LOOT!
BUT MAYBE IT'S FOR THE BEST! THEY'VE GOT THE WHOLE POLICE FORCE OUT LOOKIN' FOR ME NOW!
SO I'LL MAKE LIKE A MUTT TILL THE COAST IS CLEAR, THEN I'LL DITCH JOE GENIUS HERE — AND IF HE GETS IN MY WAY, THAT'LL BE JUST TOO BAD!
HEY KIDS! LOOK WHAT FOLLOWED ME HOME! I THINK WE'LL KEEP HIM!
A DOG! WOW! THANKS UNCA DONALD!

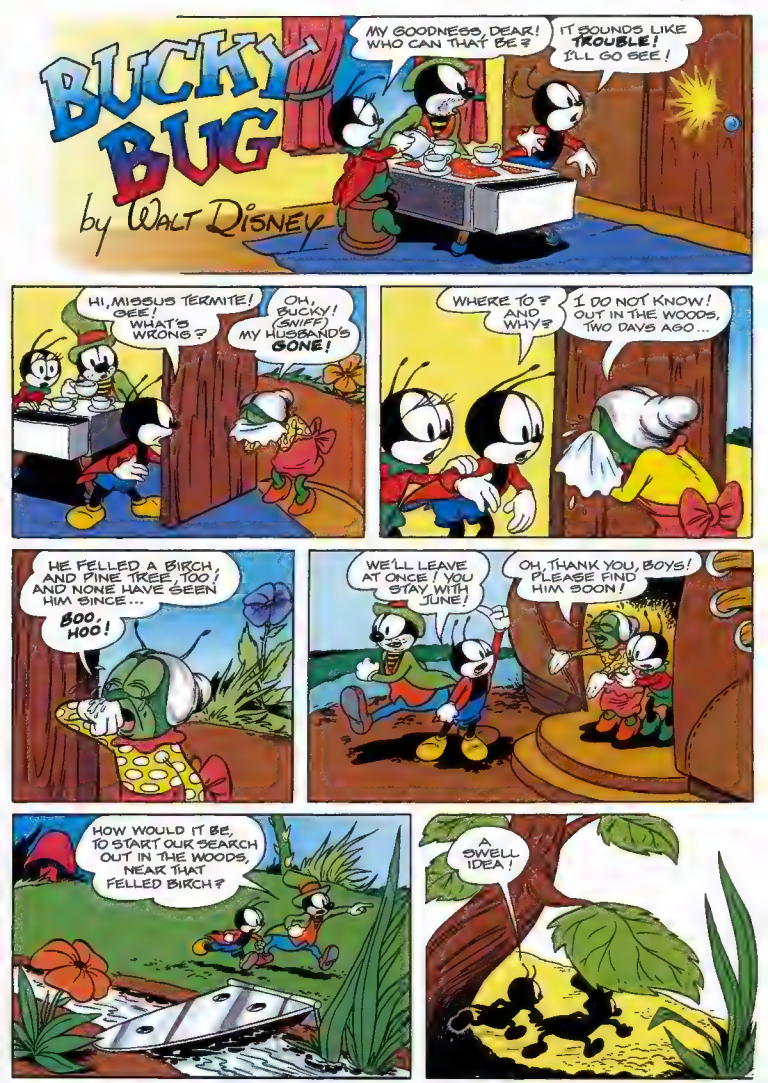
GEE, HE EVEN LOOKS A LITTLE LIKE YOU, UNCA DONALD!
WHAT DID YOU NAME HIM? AND DON'T SAY FIDO!
DID YOU BUY HIM AT A PET STORE?
HIS NAME IS...ER...LET ME THINK...UM... I'VE GOT IT!...PEEVE!... AS IN MY PET, PEEVE?... GET IT?
WELL, IT BEATS FIDO!
A THOROUGHBRED LIKE PEEVE NEEDS HIS NOURISHMENT! EAT HEARTY, PAL!
OKAY, KIDS, YOU GO BORROW A LEASH FROM THE NEIGHBORS AND I'LL CALL THE VET AND ARRANGE FOR PEEVE'S SHOTS!
SHEESH! FIRST I'VE GOTTA EAT KIBBLE AND NOW I'M GONNA GET DOG INJECTIONS! I FEEL LIKE I'M ON "FEAR FACTORY"! TIME FOR ME TO BUG OUT!
MOMENTS LATER...
HE MISSES US ALREADY! ISN'T THAT CUTE!
WOW! WHAT A SMART DOG!
WELL, BEFORE HE GOES TO THE YOU-KNOW-WHERE FOR HIS YOU-KNOW-WHAT, WE CAN TAKE HIM FOR A WALK! LET ME HAVE THAT LEASH!
YEAH! A MIGHTY HOUND LIKE PEEVE NEEDS PLENTY OF FRESH AIR AND EXCERCISE!
GRRR!


AND LOTS OF COMPANIONSHIP FROM HIS FELLOW CANINES! COME BOY! DON'T BE SHY!
PEEVE HAS RETRIEVER WRITTEN ALL OVER HIM! LET HIM GO AND WE'LL SEE HOW HE DOES WITH THIS STICK!
GO GET IT, BOY!
THIS SHOULDN'T HAPPEN TO A DOG!
~GULP!~ W-WATER!
WELL, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? JUMP IN THERE AND FETCH THE STICK!
BUT... I CAN'T SWIM!
MAYBE HE DOESN'T LIKE GETTING WET, UNCA DONALD!
NONSENSE! HE HAS THE LOOK OF AN EXCELLENT WATER HOUND!
BLUB! GLUB!
I DON'T KNOW! IT LOOKS AN AWFUL LOT LIKE HE'S DROWNING TO ME!

WAK! I'LL HAVE TO RETRIEVE THE RETRIEVER!
GASP!
JUST MY LUCK! THERE'S ONE DOG ON EARTH WHO CAN'T SWIM AND I WIND UP WITH HIM!
I THINK HE DRANK HALF THE LAKE AND SOAKED UP THE REST!
IS THERE A 911 NUMBER FOR DOGS?
THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT!
THAT'S RIGHT! WE ALL KNOW CPR! COME ON, UNCA DONALD! LET'S REVIVE HIM!
WE'LL TAKE HIM RIGHT TO THE VET AFTER THIS! SNAP OUT OF IT, BOY!
IT LOOKS GRIM!
AND IT'S GETTING GRIMMER AND GRIMMER! LOOK WHAT'S COMING OUR WAY NOW!
OH, NO!
YIKES!
WELL, AT LEAST THAT REVIVED HIM!
GRRROWWLL!

GO PICK ON SOMEONE YOUR OWN SIZE, YOU BAD DOGGY!
ROWF!
COME ON! DON'T YOU HAVE A MASTER YOU CAN ANNOY?
GRR!
CALM DOWN, BOY! IT'S ALL OVER!
AIEEE!
COME, ROSEBUD! TIME FOR YOUR BATH!
GOOD JOB, PEEVE! YOU GAVE THAT DOG HER WALKING PAPERS!
YEAH! AND I THINK SHE GAVE ME SOMETHING IN RETURN — FLEAS!
YOW! I'M SUDDENLY ONE BIG ITCH!
OW! IT'S GOT US TOO!
AND I'LL BET HE GOT THEM FROM THAT OTHER DOG! TIME FOR A BATH!
WE GOT FLEAS FROM PEEVE!
SHORTLY...
NOW, FOR THE LAST TIME, PEEVE, YOU ARE GETTING A FLEA BATH WITHOUT DELAY! I MEAN RIGHT NOW!
CHEER UP! AFTER ALL, YOU GOT OUT OF GOING TO THE VET FOR SHOTS! NOW GET IN!

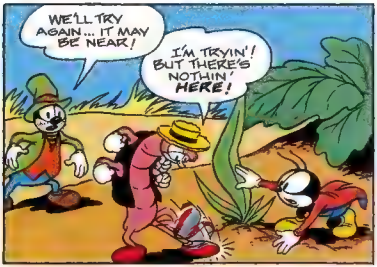
AND I DON'T WANT ANY LIP FROM YOU! UNDERSTAND?
THAT DOES IT!
NOBODY TREATS ME LIKE A DOG! I'M OUTTA HERE, DUCK!
WHAT?!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! A TALKING DOG! I KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT PEEVE!
AHA! ANOTHER STRAY! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU AT THE ANIMAL SHELTER, PAL!
BUT I'M NOT A DOG!
I'M A BANK ROBBER! THIS IS A DOG SUIT! TAKE ME TO JAIL, PLEASE!
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I HEARD THAT ONE!
DOG
A BANK-ROBBING DOG! NOW I'VE HEARD EVERYTHING! NEXT TIME WE GET AN ANT FARM!
GRR!
-SIGH!-


BUCKY BUG
by WALT DISNEY
MY GOODNESS, DEAR! WHO CAN THAT BE?
IT SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE! I'LL GO SEE!
HI, MISSUS TERMITE! GEE! WHAT'S WRONG?
OH, BUCKY! (SNIFF) MY HUSBAND'S GONE!
WHERE TO? AND WHY?
I DO NOT KNOW! OUT IN THE WOODS, TWO DAYS AGO...
HE FELLED A BIRCH, AND PINE TREE, TOO! AND NONE HAVE SEEN HIM SINCE... BOO, HOO!
WE'LL LEAVE AT ONCE! YOU STAY WITH JUNE!
OH, THANK YOU, BOYS! PLEASE FIND HIM SOON!
HOW WOULD IT BE, TO START OUR SEARCH OUT IN THE WOODS, NEAR THAT FELLED BIRCH?
A SWELL IDEA!

KER-FLOP!
?
HEY, CHUM!
WHERE ARE YA?
HERE, BO!
OOPS!
KER-BUM!
IT'S LAGGY, PAL!
WAL, GORSH... HULLO! KIN I COME IN TUH CHAT, FRIEND BO?
WHY SURE... THIS IS YOUR HOME, YOU SEE!
GOSH NEDS! THEN YOU DROPPED IN ON ME!
WELL... "DROPPED" IS WHAT WE DID, ALL RIGHT! BUT WE'RE OUT HUNTING TIGE TERMITE!
I KNOW 'BOUT HIM!
MY GOSH! YOU DO? THEN COME ALONG, AND TELL US, TOO!

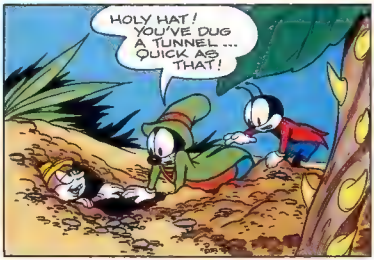
HE'S SURE SCAIRT SILLY SINCE HE FOUND THAT HIDDEN VILLAGE UNDERGROUND!
A HIDDEN VILLAGE? TELL US MORE! I NEVER HEARD OF THAT BEFORE!
A SPOOKY PLACE... WHERE KILLERS DWELL! BUT THEM THET SPIES, DON'T LIVE T'TELL!
WE'VE GOTTA FIND THAT VILLAGE, SO!. BEFORE THEY KILL TIGE, TOO!
LET'S GO!
I'LL HELP! JUST LEAVE UT UP T'ME! US ANGLEWORMS'RE SMART, Y'SEE!
THIS YERE CUD BE A LIKELY SPOT!
IS IT THE VILLAGE?
NOPE! IT'S NOT!
GEE-WHULLIKUN! A HOLLER SOUND!
THAT MEANS A TUNNEL UNDERGROUND!

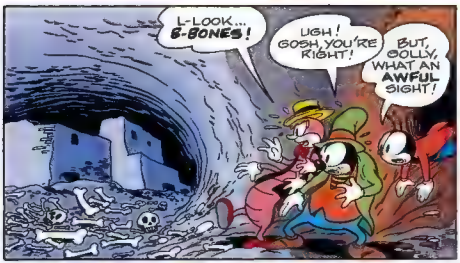
BUT WHERE'S THE ENTRANCE?
I DON'T KNOW! I HAVEN'T FOUND IT EITHER, BO!
UH... HERE IT IS!
GOOD WORK, MY FRIEND!
BE CAREFUL, PALS, AS WE DESCEND!
IT'S ANTVILLE!
ANTVILLE
OOPS! WE'RE WRONG AGAIN!
WELL, LOOK WHO'S HERE!
QUICK! GET 'EM, MEN!
SMACK!
UMP!
AWKARD AIN'T I?
OOF!
THEY'VE GIVEN UP!
UH... WONDER WHY?


WE'LL TRY AGAIN... IT MAY BE NEAR!
I'M TRYIN'! BUT THERE'S NOTHIN' HERE!

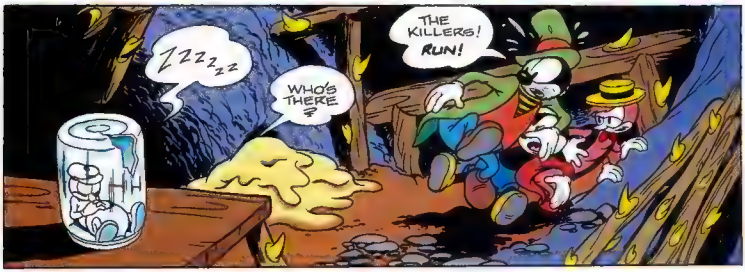
BUT, WAIT! YERE'S ONE...
YEAH, LAGGY? GEE! YOU SURE ARE SMART!

YORE TELLIN' ME! NOW WATCH THIS, FELLERS!


HOLY HAT! YOU'VE DUG A TUNNEL... QUICK AS THAT!

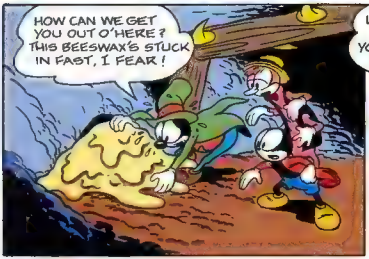

L-LOOK... B-BONES!
UGH! GOSH, YOU'RE RIGHT!
BUT, GOLLY, WHAT AN AWFUL SIGHT!

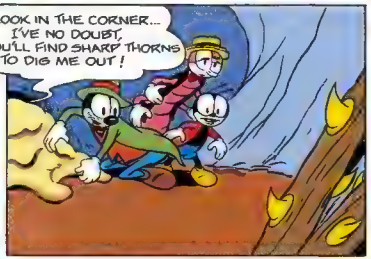
BE CAREFUL! DON'T MAKE ANY NOISE... THE VILLAINS MIGHT BE IN HERE, BOYS!


ZZZZZZ
WHO'S THERE?
THE KILLERS! RUN!

NO WAIT! HELP! HELP!
GEE-WULLIKUN!

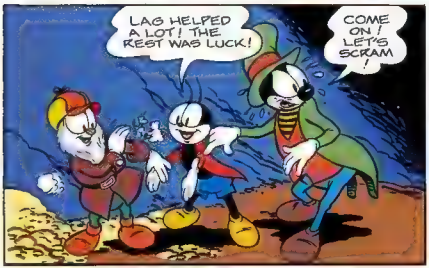
I'M TIGE TERMITE! AND WHO ARE YOU?
WE'RE BUCKY, BO, AND LAGGY, TOO!


HOW CAN WE GET YOU OUT O'HERE? THIS BEESWAX'S STUCK IN FAST, I FEAR!

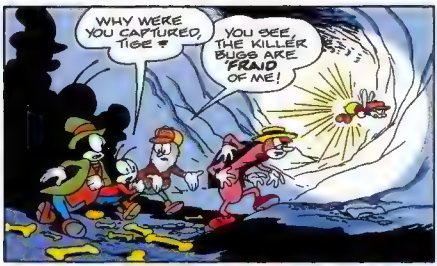

LOOK IN THE CORNER... I'VE NO DOUBT, YOU'LL FIND SHARP THORNS TO DIG ME OUT!

YOU'LL SOON BE FREE! THESE THORNS WORK SWELL!

IT'S GOOD TO LEAVE THAT DREARY CELL! HOW DID YOU FIND ME? TELL ME, BUCK!


LAG HELPED A LOT! THE REST WAS LUCK!
COME ON! LET'S SCRAM!

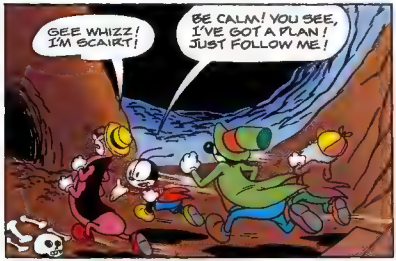
AND TWINKEY, TOO!
THANKS, TIGE! I'LL LIGHT THE WAY FOR YOU!


WHY WERE YOU CAPTURED, TIGE?
YOU SEE, THE KILLER BUGS ARE 'FRAID OF ME!

THEY THINK I'LL TELL WHAT I HAVE FOUND OF VICTIMS' BONES AND LOOT AROUND!

I'LL GO AHEAD! YOU WAIT BELOW!

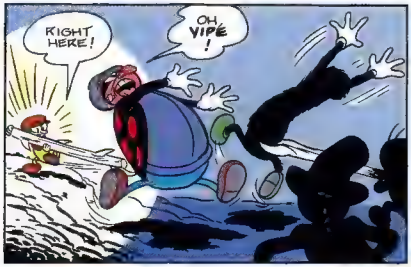
QUICK! RUN AND HIDE... HERE COMES OUR FOE!


GEE WHIZZ! I'M SCAIRT!
BE CALM! YOU SEE, I'VE GOT A PLAN! JUST FOLLOW ME!

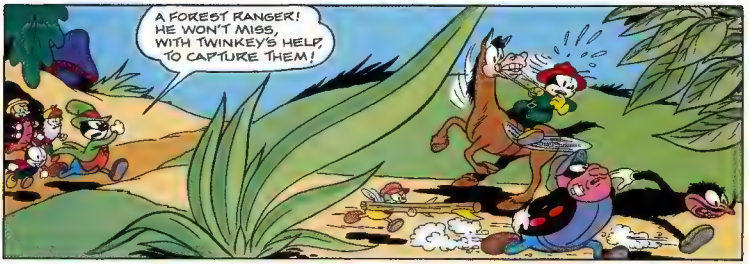
ZOUNDS, LEX! SUCH ROTTEN LUCK TODAY!
YEAH, SCROG! NO VICTIMS TO WAYLAY!

IF WE HAVE LUCK LIKE THIS, WHAT THEN?
UGH! WORK, I GUESS, LIKE HONEST MEN!

BLAST IT! OUR ROOM'S AS DARK AS NIGHT... THAT LAZY FIREFLY! WHERE'S HIS LIGHT?


RIGHT HERE!
OH YIPE!

YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS!


A FOREST RANGER! HE WON'T MISS, WITH TWINKEY'S HELP, TO CAPTURE THEM!

YOU'RE RIGHT, WE'RE SAFE! HOORAY!

AHEM! SAY, AIN'T YOU PLUMB FORGETTIN' ME?

FORGET A HERO? NO, SIRREE!

TIGE'S WIFE'S WITH JUNE, AND YOU'VE A DATE WITH ALL OF US TO CELEBRATE!

IT SOLD FOR HOW MUCH?

Overstreet is a registered Trademark of Gemstone Publishing, Inc. All rights reserved.

Until the major networks and your local news start covering the record-breaking prices, you can rely on the most familiar name in comic book pricing...

***Overstreet's Comic Price Review* monthly from Gemstone Publishing**

Subscriptions: 12 issues (One Year) $75 US • $112 Canada
Please inquire for international rates

You can subscribe on-line!
www.gemstonepub/ocpr

LISTED EACH MONTH IN PREVIEWS!

Looking for a comics specialty store near you?

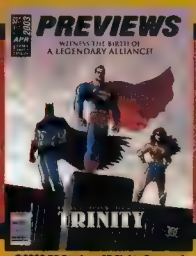
Use the service that has assisted millions of comic book fans worldwide—the Comic Shop Locator Service!

By Phone: 1-888-COMIC-BOOK (toll-free!)
On the Internet: http://csls.diamondcomics.com

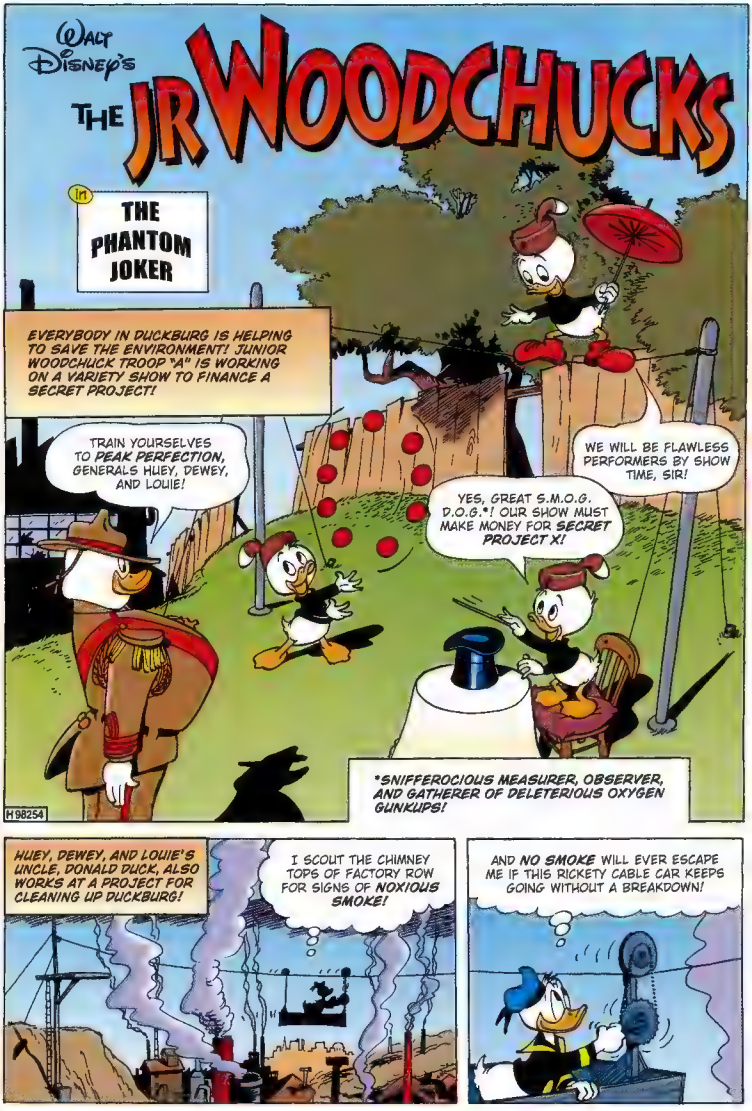
Fast. Fun. Free.

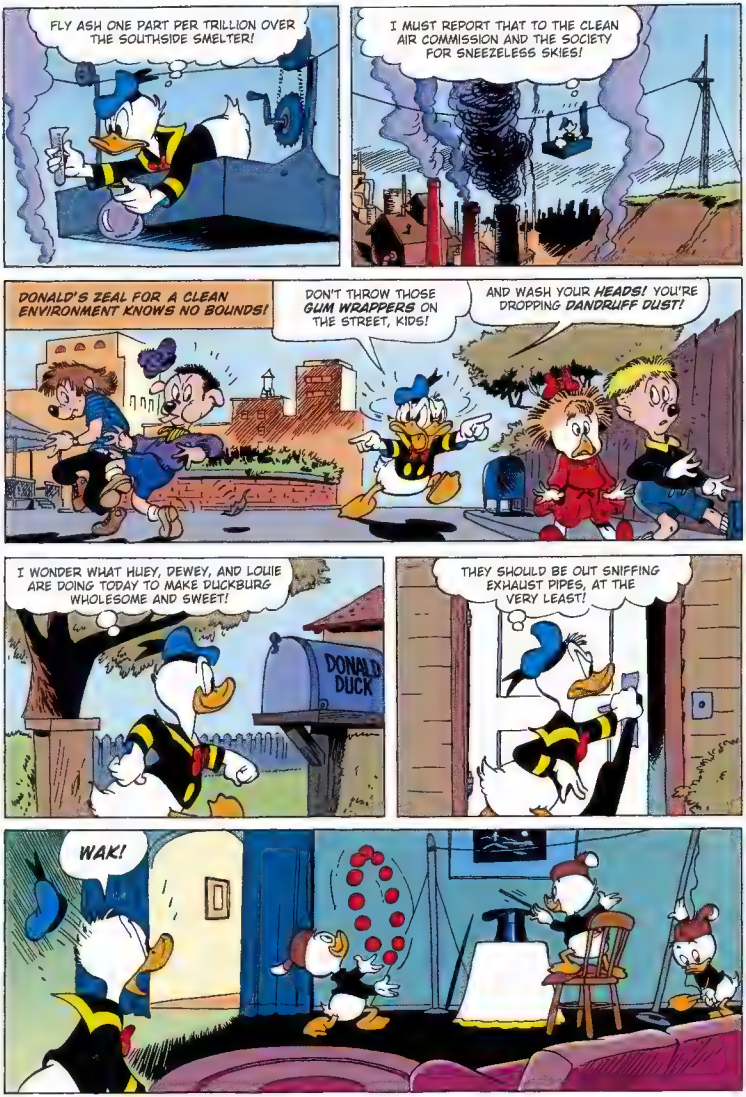
Order from *PREVIEWS*, the industry's preordering catalog!

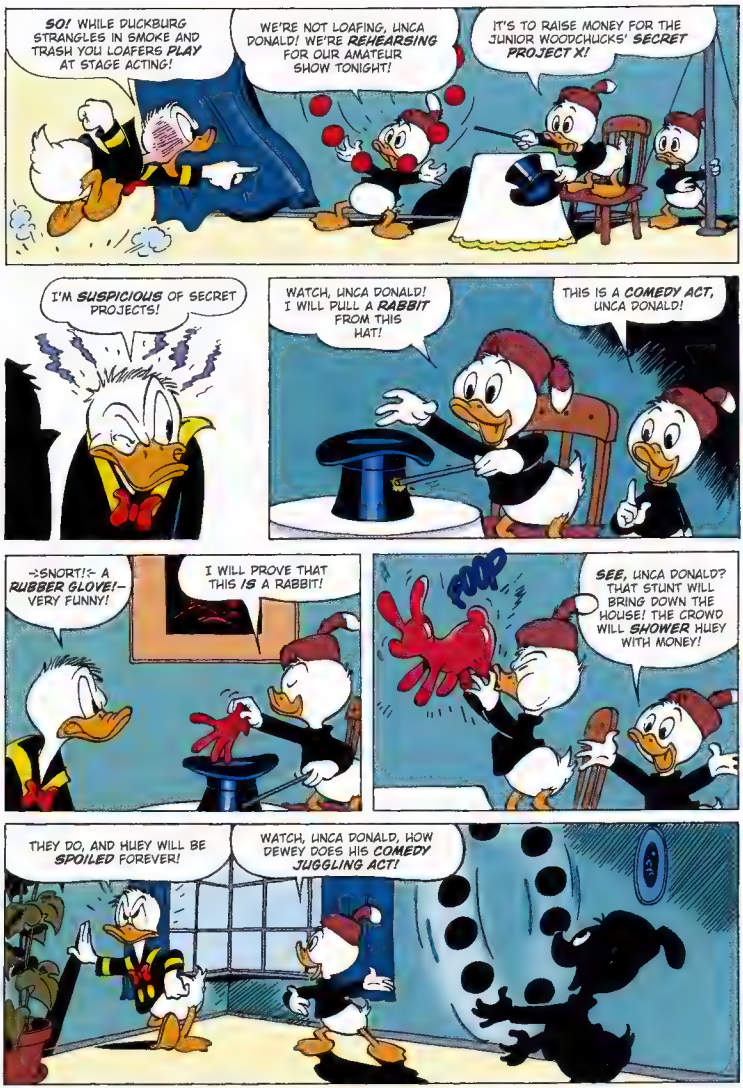
PREVIEWS online at http://previews.diamondcomics.com



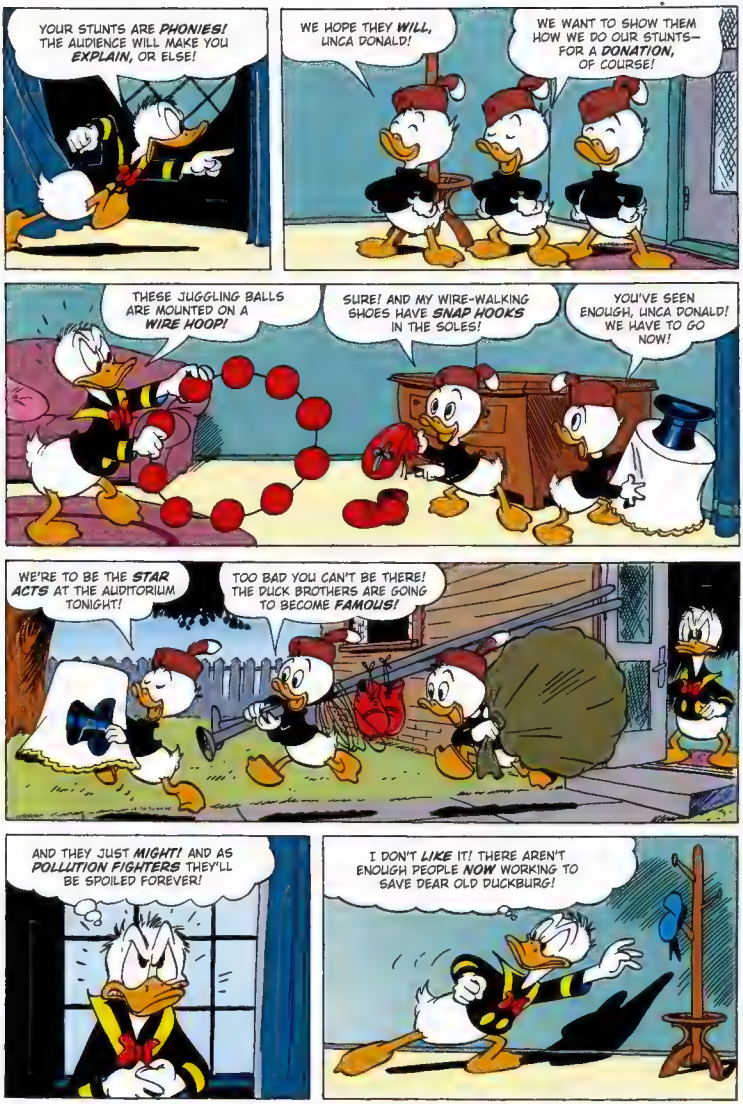
©2003 DC Comics. All Rights Reserved

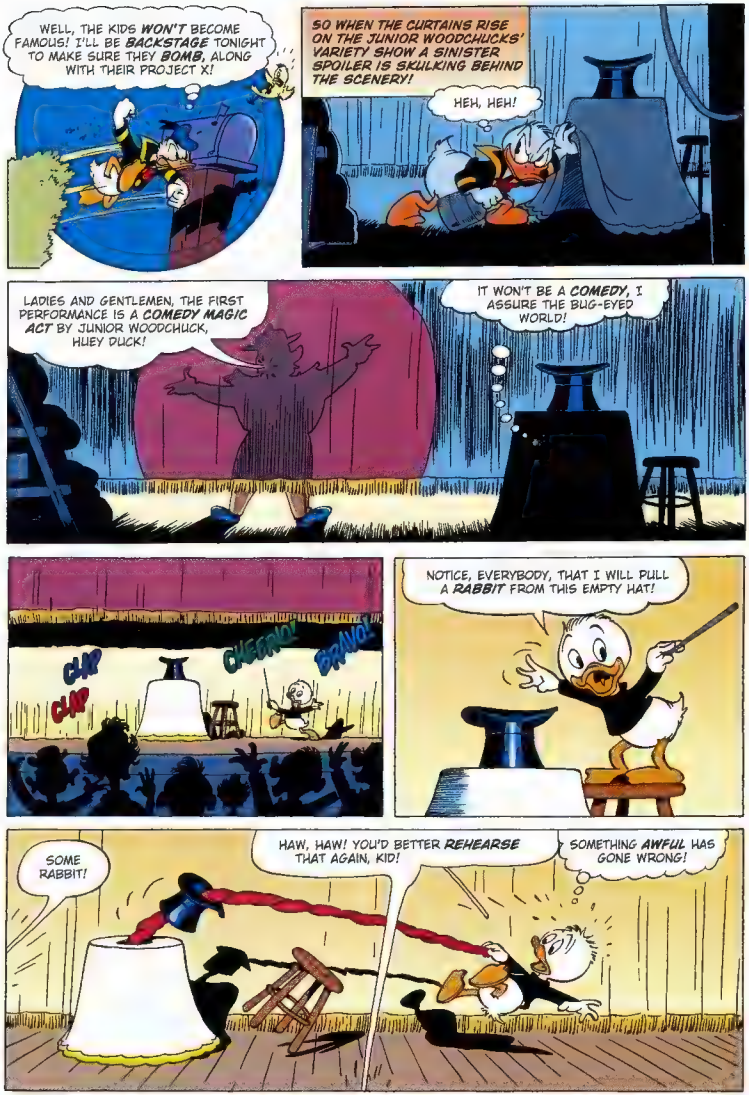

Walt Disney's
THE JR WOODCHUCKS
in
THE PHANTOM JOKER
EVERYBODY IN DUCKBURG IS HELPING TO SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT! JUNIOR WOODCHUCK TROOP "A" IS WORKING ON A VARIETY SHOW TO FINANCE A SECRET PROJECT!
TRAIN YOURSELVES TO PEAK PERFECTION, GENERALS HUEY, DEWEY, AND LOUIE!
WE WILL BE FLAWLESS PERFORMERS BY SHOW TIME, SIR!
YES, GREAT S.M.O.G. D.O.G.*! OUR SHOW MUST MAKE MONEY FOR SECRET PROJECT X!
*SNIFFEROCIOUS MEASURER, OBSERVER, AND GATHERER OF DELETERIOUS OXYGEN GUNKUPS!
H 98254
HUEY, DEWEY, AND LOUIE'S UNCLE, DONALD DUCK, ALSO WORKS AT A PROJECT FOR CLEANING UP DUCKBURG!
I SCOUT THE CHIMNEY TOPS OF FACTORY ROW FOR SIGNS OF NOXIOUS SMOKE!
AND NO SMOKE WILL EVER ESCAPE ME IF THIS RICKETY CABLE CAR KEEPS GOING WITHOUT A BREAKDOWN!


FLY ASH ONE PART PER TRILLION OVER THE SOUTHSIDE SMELTER!
I MUST REPORT THAT TO THE CLEAN AIR COMMISSION AND THE SOCIETY FOR SNEEZELESS SKIES!
DONALD'S ZEAL FOR A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT KNOWS NO BOUNDS!
DON'T THROW THOSE GUM WRAPPERS ON THE STREET, KIDS!
AND WASH YOUR HEADS! YOU'RE DROPPING DANDRUFF DUST!
I WONDER WHAT HUEY, DEWEY, AND LOUIE ARE DOING TODAY TO MAKE DUCKBURG WHOLESOME AND SWEET!
DONALD DUCK
THEY SHOULD BE OUT SNIFFING EXHAUST PIPES, AT THE VERY LEAST!
WAK!

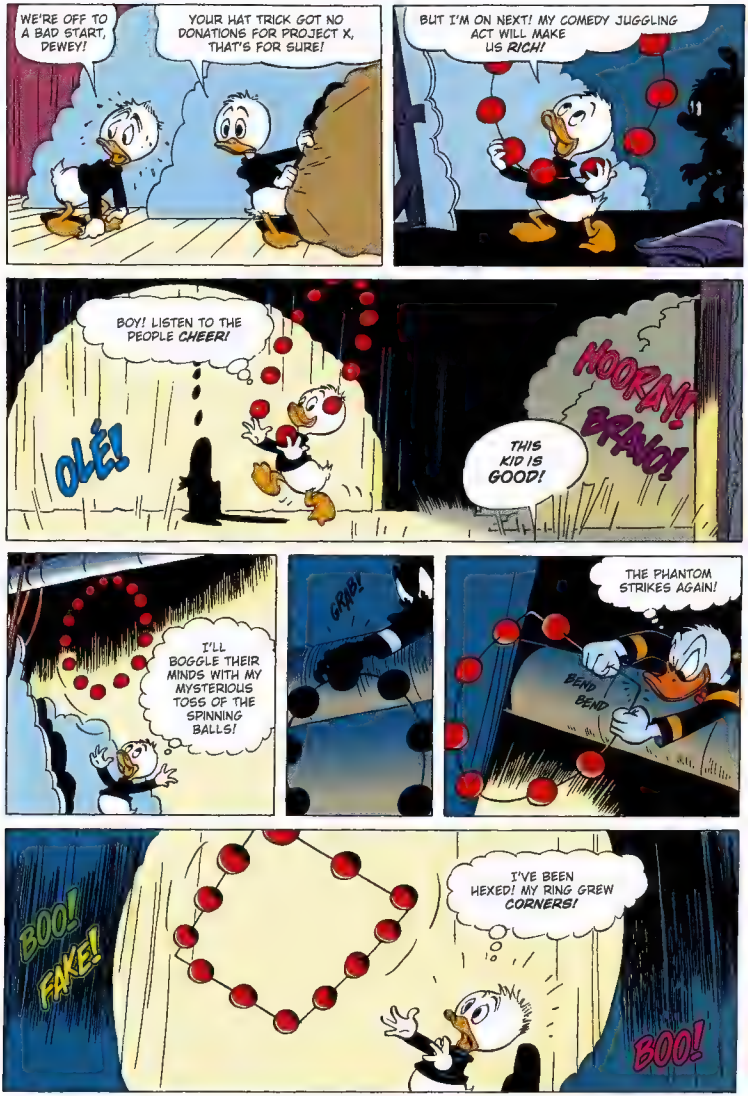

SO! WHILE DUCKBURG STRANGLES IN SMOKE AND TRASH YOU LOAFERS PLAY AT STAGE ACTING!
WE'RE NOT LOAFING, UNCA DONALD! WE'RE REHEARSING FOR OUR AMATEUR SHOW TONIGHT!
IT'S TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE JUNIOR WOODCHUCKS' SECRET PROJECT X!
I'M SUSPICIOUS OF SECRET PROJECTS!
WATCH, UNCA DONALD! I WILL PULL A RABBIT FROM THIS HAT!
THIS IS A COMEDY ACT, UNCA DONALD!
-:SNORT!:- A RUBBER GLOVE!- VERY FUNNY!
I WILL PROVE THAT THIS IS A RABBIT!
POOP
SEE, UNCA DONALD? THAT STUNT WILL BRING DOWN THE HOUSE! THE CROWD WILL SHOWER HUEY WITH MONEY!
THEY DO, AND HUEY WILL BE SPOILED FOREVER!
WATCH, UNCA DONALD, HOW DEWEY DOES HIS COMEDY JUGGLING ACT!

THAT STUNT IS IMPOSSIBLE!
THE AUDIENCE WILL BURY DEWEY UNDER MOUNDS OF DONATIONS!
I'D BURY HIM UNDER MOUNDS OF TOMATOES!
DEWEY WAS CHEATING!
NOW LOUIE WILL DO HIS FANTASTIC HIGH WIRE COMEDY ACT!
NO, HE WON'T! NOT WITHOUT A SAFETY NET!
YOU NEEDN'T WORRY, UNCA DONALD! I WON'T FALL OFF THE WIRE!
SEE? LOUIE BOGGLES THE AUDIENCE WITH MAGIC!
NOTICE THAT HIS UMBRELLA IS UPSIDE DOWN TO CATCH DONATIONS!
I NOTICE THAT I'M GETTING HOT UNDER THE COLLAR!

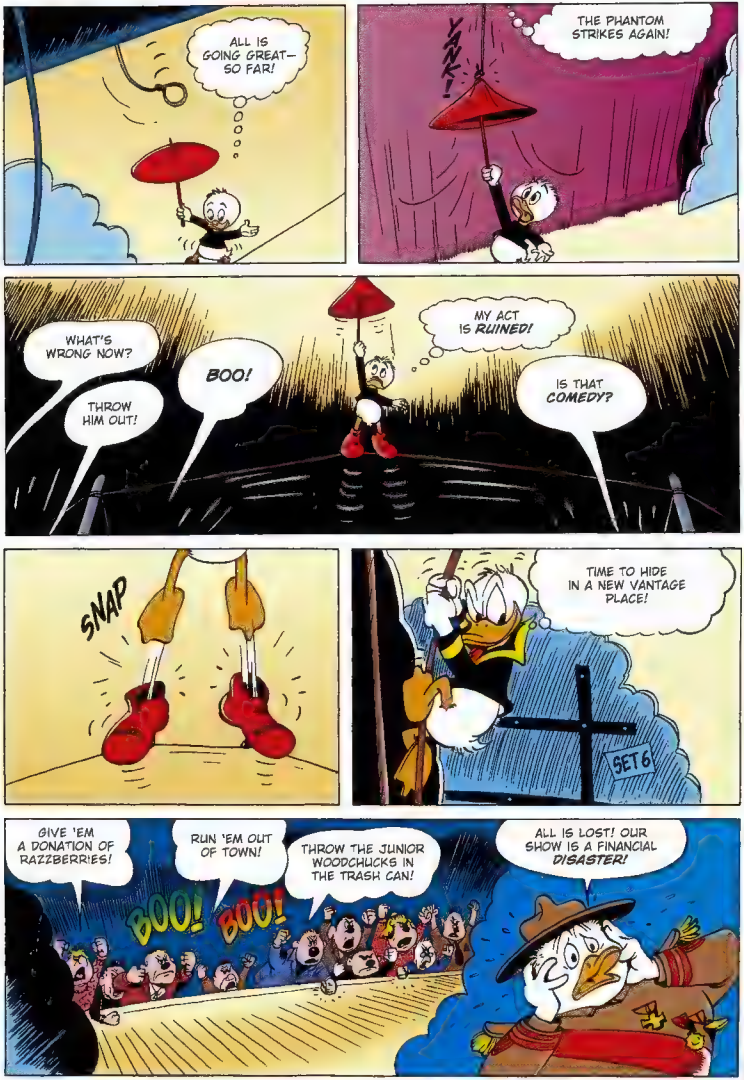

YOUR STUNTS ARE PHONIES! THE AUDIENCE WILL MAKE YOU EXPLAIN, OR ELSE!
WE HOPE THEY WILL, UNCA DONALD!
WE WANT TO SHOW THEM HOW WE DO OUR STUNTS— FOR A DONATION, OF COURSE!
THESE JUGGLING BALLS ARE MOUNTED ON A WIRE HOOP!
SURE! AND MY WIRE-WALKING SHOES HAVE SNAP HOOKS IN THE SOLES!
YOU'VE SEEN ENOUGH, UNCA DONALD! WE HAVE TO GO NOW!
WE'RE TO BE THE STAR ACTS AT THE AUDITORIUM TONIGHT!
TOO BAD YOU CAN'T BE THERE! THE DUCK BROTHERS ARE GOING TO BECOME FAMOUS!
AND THEY JUST MIGHT! AND AS POLLUTION FIGHTERS THEY'LL BE SPOILED FOREVER!
I DON'T LIKE IT! THERE AREN'T ENOUGH PEOPLE NOW WORKING TO SAVE DEAR OLD DUCKBURG!


WELL, THE KIDS WON'T BECOME FAMOUS! I'LL BE BACKSTAGE TONIGHT TO MAKE SURE THEY BOMB, ALONG WITH THEIR PROJECT X!
SO WHEN THE CURTAINS RISE ON THE JUNIOR WOODCHUCKS' VARIETY SHOW A SINISTER SPOILER IS SKULKING BEHIND THE SCENERY!
HEH, HEH!
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE FIRST PERFORMANCE IS A COMEDY MAGIC ACT BY JUNIOR WOODCHUCK, HUEY DUCK!
IT WON'T BE A COMEDY, I ASSURE THE BUG-EYED WORLD!
CLAP
CLAP
CHEERIO!
BRAVO!
NOTICE, EVERYBODY, THAT I WILL PULL A RABBIT FROM THIS EMPTY HAT!
SOME RABBIT!
HAW, HAW! YOU'D BETTER REHEARSE THAT AGAIN, KID!
SOMETHING AWFUL HAS GONE WRONG!

HEH, HEH, HEH! LISTEN TO THE CROWD BOO!
BOO!
HISS
BOO!
RAZZ
?
NOW IS THE TIME TO *INFLATE* THIS LITTLE SURPRISE!
FIZZ FIZZ
WOOMP
ZAZZ
SCREAM!
SCREECH!
THERE'LL NEVER BE A BETTER TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT ACT!
THE *PHANTOM* OF THE OPERA, THAT'S ME!

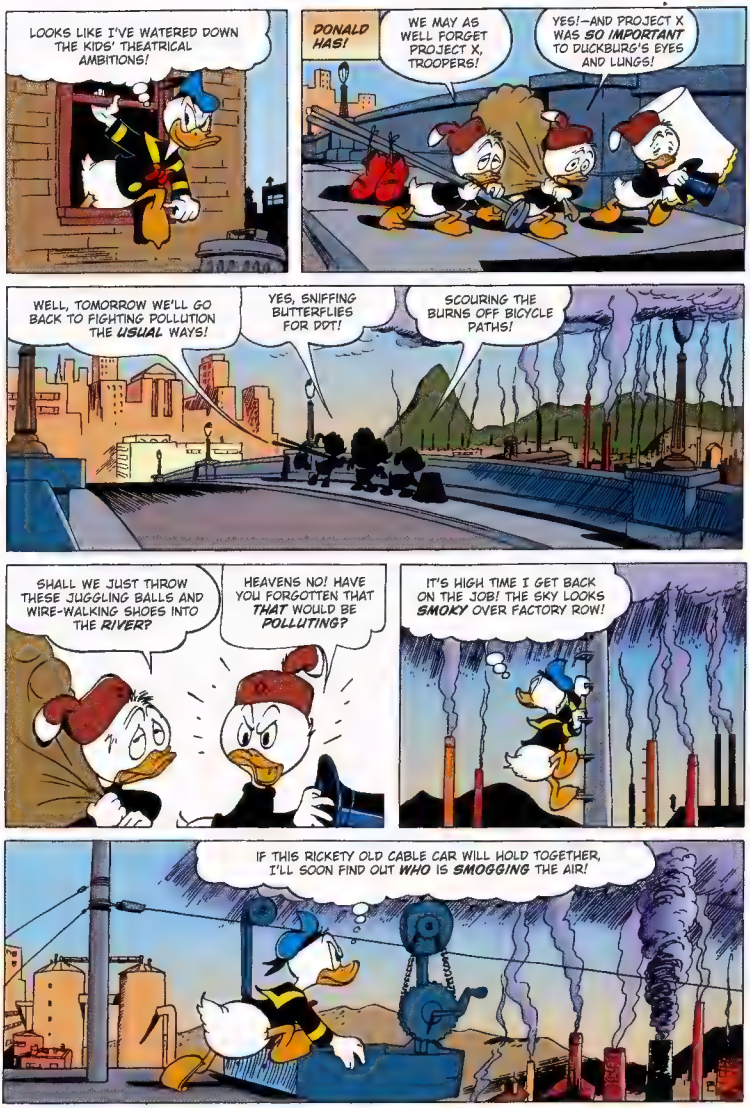

WE'RE OFF TO A BAD START, DEWEY!
YOUR HAT TRICK GOT NO DONATIONS FOR PROJECT X, THAT'S FOR SURE!
BUT I'M ON NEXT! MY COMEDY JUGGLING ACT WILL MAKE US RICH!
BOY! LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE CHEER!
OLÉ!
HOORAY!
BRAVO!
THIS KID IS GOOD!
I'LL BOGGLE THEIR MINDS WITH MY MYSTERIOUS TOSS OF THE SPINNING BALLS!
GRAB!
THE PHANTOM STRIKES AGAIN!
BEND
BEND
I'VE BEEN HEXED! MY RING GREW CORNERS!
BOO!
FAKE!
BOO!

DROP THE CURTAIN! DROP THE CURTAIN!
BONK
BUMP
BOO! CLUMSY!
THROW HIM OUT!
A JOKER PLAYING TRICKS ON OUR TRICKS!
SOMEBODY IS UP IN THE SCENERY LOFT!
WE HAVEN'T TIME TO OUST HIM! LOUIE, DO YOUR WIRE-WALK BEFORE THE AUDIENCE BLOWS UP!
AND NOW LOUIE DUCK WILL DO HIS FAMOUS COMEDY WIRE-WALK!
THIS HAD BETTER BE FUNNY!
AND WE MEAN FUNNY!
PLEASE, PLEASE! DON'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO SPOIL MY ACT!

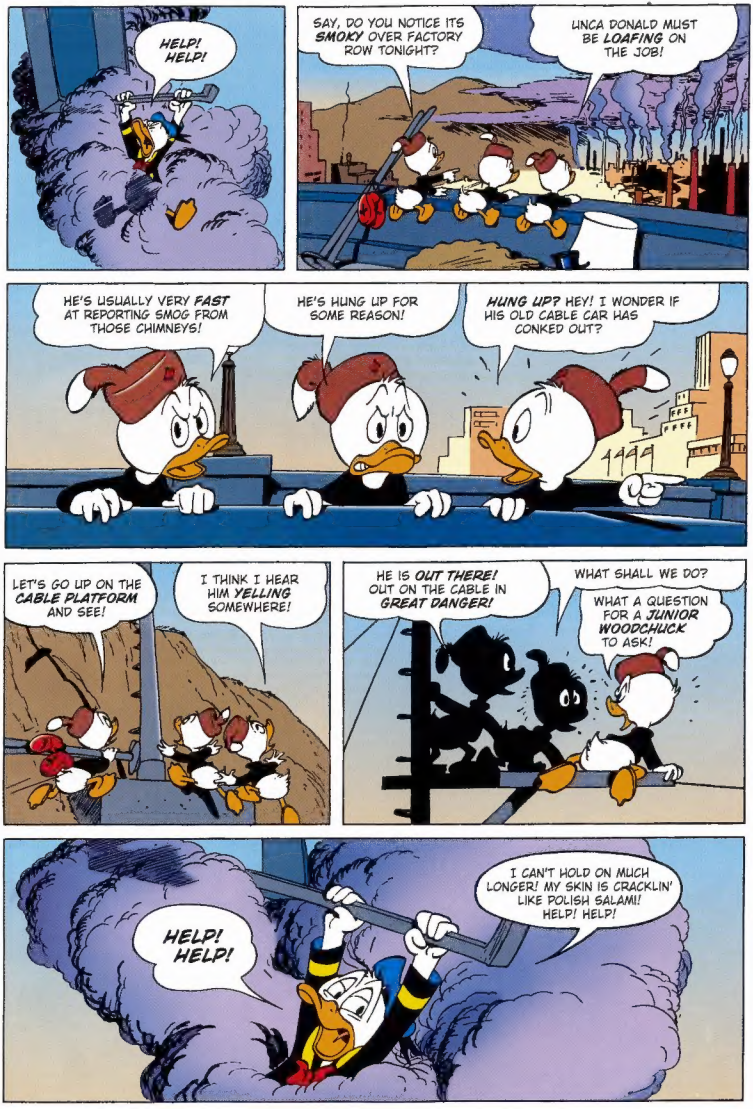

ALL IS GOING GREAT— SO FAR!
THE PHANTOM STRIKES AGAIN!
YANK!
WHAT'S WRONG NOW?
THROW HIM OUT!
BOO!
MY ACT IS RUINED!
IS THAT COMEDY?
SNAP
TIME TO HIDE IN A NEW VANTAGE PLACE!
SET 6
GIVE 'EM A DONATION OF RAZZBERRIES!
RUN 'EM OUT OF TOWN!
BOO!
BOO!
THROW THE JUNIOR WOODCHUCKS IN THE TRASH CAN!
ALL IS LOST! OUR SHOW IS A FINANCIAL DISASTER!

THERE'S STILL AN ACT WE CAN DO, GREAT S.M.O.G D.O.G!
HUEY CAN WALK THE WIRE STRAIGHT— WITH NO TRICK SHOES!
I CAN EVEN DO A WIRE WALTZ!
NO, HUEY! I CAN'T LET YOU DO IT WITHOUT A SAFETY NET!
THIS WATER BED WILL DO FOR A SAFETY NET!
WE FOUND IT IN THE PROPERTY ROOM!
SLOSH
SLOSH
I'LL NEED A BALANCING POLE!
HEH, HEH! YOU'LL DO A SHARP ACT WITH THIS ONE!
SNARL!
HISS!
GROWL!
BOY! I'D BETTER BE GOOD! THAT AUDIENCE OUT THERE IS CRAVING RAW MEAT!

KEEP THAT WATER BED UNDER GENERAL HUEY, TROOPERS! HE DOESN'T LOOK TOO STEADY!
HUEY ISN'T!
MY KNEES ARE RATTLING SO LOUDLY I CAN'T HEAR THE CROWD'S JEERS!
SPRONG
THE PHANTOM STRIKES AGAIN!
RRRRONNNG
EVERYBODY RUN FOR THEIR LIVES!
SPLOSH
STAGE DOOR
DID YOU SEE HOW MANY PEOPLE GOT WET, GREAT S.M.O.G. D.O.G.?
NO, BUT WITH THEIR HEAT THEY'LL DRY OUT FAST!


LOOKS LIKE I'VE WATERED DOWN THE KIDS' THEATRICAL AMBITIONS!
DONALD HAS!
WE MAY AS WELL FORGET PROJECT X, TROOPERS!
YES!—AND PROJECT X WAS SO IMPORTANT TO DUCKBURG'S EYES AND LUNGS!
WELL, TOMORROW WE'LL GO BACK TO FIGHTING POLLUTION THE USUAL WAYS!
YES, SNIFFING BUTTERFLIES FOR DDT!
SCOURING THE BURNS OFF BICYCLE PATHS!
SHALL WE JUST THROW THESE JUGGLING BALLS AND WIRE-WALKING SHOES INTO THE RIVER?
HEAVENS NO! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT THAT WOULD BE POLLUTING?
IT'S HIGH TIME I GET BACK ON THE JOB! THE SKY LOOKS SMOKY OVER FACTORY ROW!
IF THIS RICKETY OLD CABLE CAR WILL HOLD TOGETHER, I'LL SOON FIND OUT WHO IS SMOGGING THE AIR!

THE DRIVE CHAIN IS ABOUT SHOT AND THE TIRE PULLEY PIN IS WORN ALMOST THROUGH!
CREAK
WELL, IT GOT ME TO THE GUILTY CHIMNEY! I'LL HAVE TO GO BACK AND REPORT THIS SMOGGER!
WAK! THE DRIVE CHAIN BROKE! WOULDN'T THAT HAVE TO HAPPEN NOW?
SNAP
AND THE PULLEY PIN HAS SHEARED!
POP
SKREEECH!
WHAT AN END FOR A DOUGHTY POLLUTION FIGHTER— TO BE SMOGGED LIKE A SAUSAGE OVER AN OUTLAW CHIMNEY!


HELP! HELP!
SAY, DO YOU NOTICE ITS SMOKY OVER FACTORY ROW TONIGHT?
UNCA DONALD MUST BE LOAFING ON THE JOB!
HE'S USUALLY VERY FAST AT REPORTING SMOG FROM THOSE CHIMNEYS!
HE'S HUNG UP FOR SOME REASON!
HUNG UP? HEY! I WONDER IF HIS OLD CABLE CAR HAS CONKED OUT?
LET'S GO UP ON THE CABLE PLATFORM AND SEE!
I THINK I HEAR HIM YELLING SOMEWHERE!
HE IS OUT THERE! OUT ON THE CABLE IN GREAT DANGER!
WHAT SHALL WE DO?
WHAT A QUESTION FOR A JUNIOR WOODCHUCK TO ASK!
HELP! HELP!
I CAN'T HOLD ON MUCH LONGER! MY SKIN IS CRACKLIN' LIKE POLISH SALAMI! HELP! HELP!

DUCKBURGIANS ARE GOING TO MISS ME WHEN THE SMOG IS ON THEIR PUMPKINS AND THE SOOT IS IN THEIR HAIR!
WAK! LOUIE WIRE WALKING OUT HERE WITH A LIFELINE!
YOU'LL FALL, LOUIE!
NO WAY, UNCA DONALD! HOLD ON UNTIL I FASTEN THIS ROPE AROUND YOU!
DONALD IS RESCUED!
AND GUESS WHAT!—THE MAYOR SAW THE WHOLE RESCUE!
HE SAYS THE JUNIOR WOODCHUCKS DESERVE A REWARD!
I HEREBY GRANT THESE BRAVE YOUTHS THE FUNDS TO FUND THEIR PROJECT X!
WHAT IS PROJECT X, ANYWAY, KIDS?
A PLAN WE HAD FOR RAISING MONEY TO SURPRISE YOU WITH A NEW CABLE CAR!
OH, OH!
YOUR FACE IS AWFUL RED, UNCA DONALD! THE SMOKE MUST HAVE BEEN REALLY BAD OUT THERE!
THE END

Most often, the highlights of *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories* tend toward the Ducks and Mice, but issue 639 was quite the exception. While Donald and Mickey were their usual standout selves, it was the Bad Wolves — both Li'l and Big — who stole the show…or, for a comic book, would that be "made-off with the mag"?!

Indeed, David Gerstein and Massimo Fecci's "The Baddest Day" ranks as one of the best Wolf stories of all time, and I've read nearly as many of them as Practical Pig has bricks! Imagine a story where "Old Zeke" has a truly happy ending without eating the Pigs. An ending that brings Zeke and Li'l Wolf closer together as father and son, to boot! Even the smallest touches, such as Zeke's "roast pig-base lamp" and large coffee-table book of pigs-on-a-platter in the opening splash panel, are clever delights.

With stories of this quality, there can be a "Wolf in the fold(s)" — or square-bindings — of this magazine anytime!

"If I can grab the kid…cushion his fall…I might be a goner, but at least little Angus will have a chance!" — Mickey Mouse attempting to save a young boy from a treacherous fall, in *WDC&S* 640.

Despite the proliferation of "super-types" on the comic shop racks, the quote above is a prime reason why I consider Mickey Mouse to be one of the greatest comic-book heroes of them all. Turns out, Li'l Angus didn't need saving after all, as he and all his townspeople are ancient dragons, magically transformed into "Disney dog-style humans" to avoid being hunted and hounded by foe and curiosity-seeker alike.

Indeed, "Key to the Loch," by the Pat and Carol McGreal and Cesar Ferioli, is an ideal example of how the storytelling in these comics has changed for the better. In the "old days," if Mickey were hunting for a fabled "loch monster" it would have undoubtedly turned out to be perennial nemesis Pete operating a gimmicked-up submarine for some nefarious purpose. The present story was nicely done, with an unexpected fantasy twist ending that took me by surprise. I love it when that happens!

On the subject of different types of storytelling, the Huey, Dewey, and Louie "Kid Gang" stories you've offered of late run a tad too juvenile for my tastes…but, if they can attract and hold the next generation of younger readers for this magazine, more power to them. Besides, we cynical, jaded "oldsters" can derive our own jollies with stories of hard-nosed tax assessors receiving some "pastoral punishment" on Grandma Duck's farm.

Daniel Branca was once a superb practitioner of the Carl Barks artistic style, *circa* 1961. More recently, he's evolved beyond that to a magnificent angular, "squash and stretch" animated style that I've come to enjoy immensely. If ever a style was well-suited for the backyard battles of Donald and Neighbor Jones, this is it!

Lastly, William Van Horn ends his tale of "toy-trasher" Rufus Leaky (aptly named because he's a "few shingles short"?) with a perfect panel of one of Donald's nephews in an "iris-out," flanked by two beautifully rendered Christmas candles. Quiet understatement at its best!

Joe Torcivia
via email

I'm one of probably quite a great number of foreign fans of *WDC&S* and *Uncle Scrooge* since the early days of Gladstone at the end of the 1980s when Carl Barks' stories were retold along with new upcoming artists like William Van Horn, Don Rosa and Marco Rota, not to mention Daan Jippes, whom I find the very best Barks imitator.

Over all these years I never wrote a letter though I read all the very interesting letters in the magazines. And I missed seeing the books every month from 1998 when Gladstone pulled the plug. Luckily you at Gemstone found it worthwhile to re-connect. Thank you for doing so!

But today I must react – feeling the right to conduct you and probably even give you a pair of red ears! Inside the cover of *US* 325 was a statement and a pictured front cover by Don Rosa. It was said to show the Norwegian monthly *Donald Duck,* called *Aku Ankka. Sigh!*

First of all, The Norwegian Donald Duck is a weekly, and it is called *Donald Duck,* like in English! Second, *Aku Ankka* is Finnish – also a weekly. And both magazines are similar with the Swedish weekly, *Kalle Anka,* and the Danish weekly *Anders And.*

Well, you have surely received a lot of letters similar to this. Therefore I'll end by sugesting you reprint the very good old Paul Murry story about the vanishing railroad from *WDC&S* 185-187. I know he drew at least two other stories about this old-time railroad, but I don't know their original appearences in *WDC&S.* It would be great if you manage to find them and print them.

Harald Aude
via email

You're right, we received a number of letters pointing out our Aku Ankka *mistake, which we rectified in last month's* Uncle Scrooge. *Now, thanks to your letter, we've made amends in* WDC&S *as well.*

—John Clark

Letters selected for publication may be edited for length and/or content.
We regret we cannot respond to individual letters; however questions of general interest will be answered in our letters column.
Please do not send inquiries about subscriptions or submissions to the letters column addresses. Thanks!

If a picture says a thousand words, see what a thousand pictures say
SCOOP
When you subscribe to Scoop, the FREE weekly e-newsletter for collectors and pop culture enthusiasts of all ages, reading about the latest industry news and delving into your favorite comic characters is only part of the fun. With gorgeous color pictures to supplement practically every article, each issue of Scoop is a unique look at entertainment history you simply won't see anywhere else. In fact, there are thousands of photographs - of rare and valuable comic book covers, one-of-a-kind collectibles, record-breaking auction items, original artwork and so much more - just waiting for you in the latest issue of Scoop and in the Scoop archives. Visit http://scoop.diamondgalleries.com to check it all out and subscribe. It's truly a site to behold.
Fantastic Four
Chocolate Bar
KRAFT
Cheese Nips
m&m's
CAP'N CRUNCH
PENCILS
All characters © 2003 their respective trademark and copyright holders. All rights reserved.
nomscans HaCsA